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BAD DAY FOR NAZI RAIDERS

Eleven enemy aircraft were shot down over Britain yesterday, states an Air Ministry communique. Two of our fighters were lost but one pilot is safe.

A second enemy bomber was destroyed during the night.

The enemy attempted four attacks on London yesterday using fighters or fighter-bombers.

A large number of our fighter squadrons engaged the enemy and few of the latter succeeded in penetrating to the London area.

Only a small number of bombs was dropped, mostly in the outskirts of the capital, and little damage and few casualties reported.

At the same time an unsuccessful attack was made in the Portsmouth area.—Reuter.

GREEKS RALLYING TO FIGHT

GREEKS ALL OVER THE WORLD ARE RALLYING TO THE COLOURS OR, WHERE THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, TRYING TO JOIN THE BRITISH ARMY.

Greeks in London are clamouring to be allowed to fight.

In Istanbul, crowds of Greek youths are besieging the Greek Legation demanding to be sent home to fight.

An army of 20,000 Greeks is being raised in Egypt.—Reuter.

GREECE RESOLUTE

"WITH ALL CONFIDENCE IN OUR GREAT HEROIC ALLY WE ARE GOING TO BASE OUR COMMON CERTAIN VICTORY ON THE ETERNAL PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE AND LIBERTY ESTABLISHED 3,000 YEARS AGO ON THE SACRED SOIL WE ARE NOW DEFENDING," SAYS GENERAL METAXAS, THE GREEK PREMIER, IN REPLY TO MR. CHURCHILL'S MESSAGE SENT TO HIM ON MONDAY.

General Metaxas added: "With the same serenity and resolution which led us to oppose aggression by a perfidious adversary we are going to march on to final triumph."—Reuter.

Operations Going Satisfactorily



Ernest Finch, a South London boy, is the pride of the district in which he lives. During recent raids he extinguished four incendiary bombs and on another occasion swam a canal of rescue a woman and two babies who were buried beneath an Anderson shelter. His own home was also bombed. Ernest made a shy figure when posing for his picture. (Copyright, Fox).

ALTHOUGH NEWS from the northern battle front is still very scanty it was known in Athens early yesterday that the Greek High Command was satisfied with the progress of the operations.

The efforts of Greece to mobilise Balkan support have been successful up to a point.

British Raid On Air Base

Naval aircraft from British ships of the Mediterranean Fleet have carried out an attack on Malteza, capital of the island of Stampalia, in the Dodecanese, the nearest Italian air base to Athens, said an Admiralty communique issued in London yesterday.

A hangar was hit and set on fire and an aeroplane slipway was damaged by a direct hit.

A considerable number of bombs was dropped on barracks and in an ammunition dump area, causing heavy explosions which continued for some time after the aircraft had left the area.

Incendiary bombs were also scattered over the target area. All our aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

HITLER'S ARMIES IN SOUTHEAST

Germany has no fewer than 70 divisions of troops in south-eastern Europe.

A military expert in London said yesterday that the employment of this force must depend on its using suitable country and the extent of petrol supplies available.

Only a small number of German troops are at present in Rumania.

It is suggested that extensive military action towards Turkey may not be imminent but there is a possibility of reinforcement of these troops by the Danube through Hungary and Yugoslavia.—Reuter.

Fourteen other Greek ships at Funchal have been ordered to remain there until further notice.—Reuter.

DIPLOMATS SCURRY IN MOSCOW

Speeding cars through the foreign colony in Moscow yesterday bore witness to the intense diplomatic activity in the Soviet capital due to the Balkan developments.

The Greek Minister, M. Diamantopoulos, called early in the day on the British Ambassador, Sir Stafford Cripps.

The Italian Ambassador, Signor Rosso, is understood to have seen the German envoy, Count von der Schulenberg.

The Soviet press publishes long accounts of the Italo-Greek development without comment.—Reuter.

GREEK SHIPS STANDSTILLED

IMMEDIATE STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO SEE THAT THE GREEK MERCHANT NAVY DOES NOT FALL INTO AXIS HANDS.

Five ships at Lisbon have been ordered to remain there until further notice.

Among them is a former Anchor Line steamer, the Tuscania, of 10,991 tons, whose crew have asked to be repatriated.

TURKISH POLICY DEFINED

Inquiries in well-informed quarters in Ankara yesterday tended to confirm that Turkish policy in the Italo-Greek conflict will be non-belligerence though not disinterestedness in the outcome of the conflict.

Turkish sympathy is solidly behind Greece and should Bulgaria make a hostile move it is firmly believed Turkey would also move.

Generally, Turkey's policy will be influenced by the attitude of Russia and Yugoslavia and the extent of British assistance to Greece.

Diplomatic Talks In Ankara

M. Sarajoglu, Turkish Foreign Minister, yesterday morning received Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, the British Ambassador, who introduced Major-General Arthur Smith, Chief of Staff of the G.O.C. Middle East.

Sir Hugh had a second conversation with M. Sarajoglu in the afternoon.—Reuter.

SOUTH AFRICANS REINFORCED

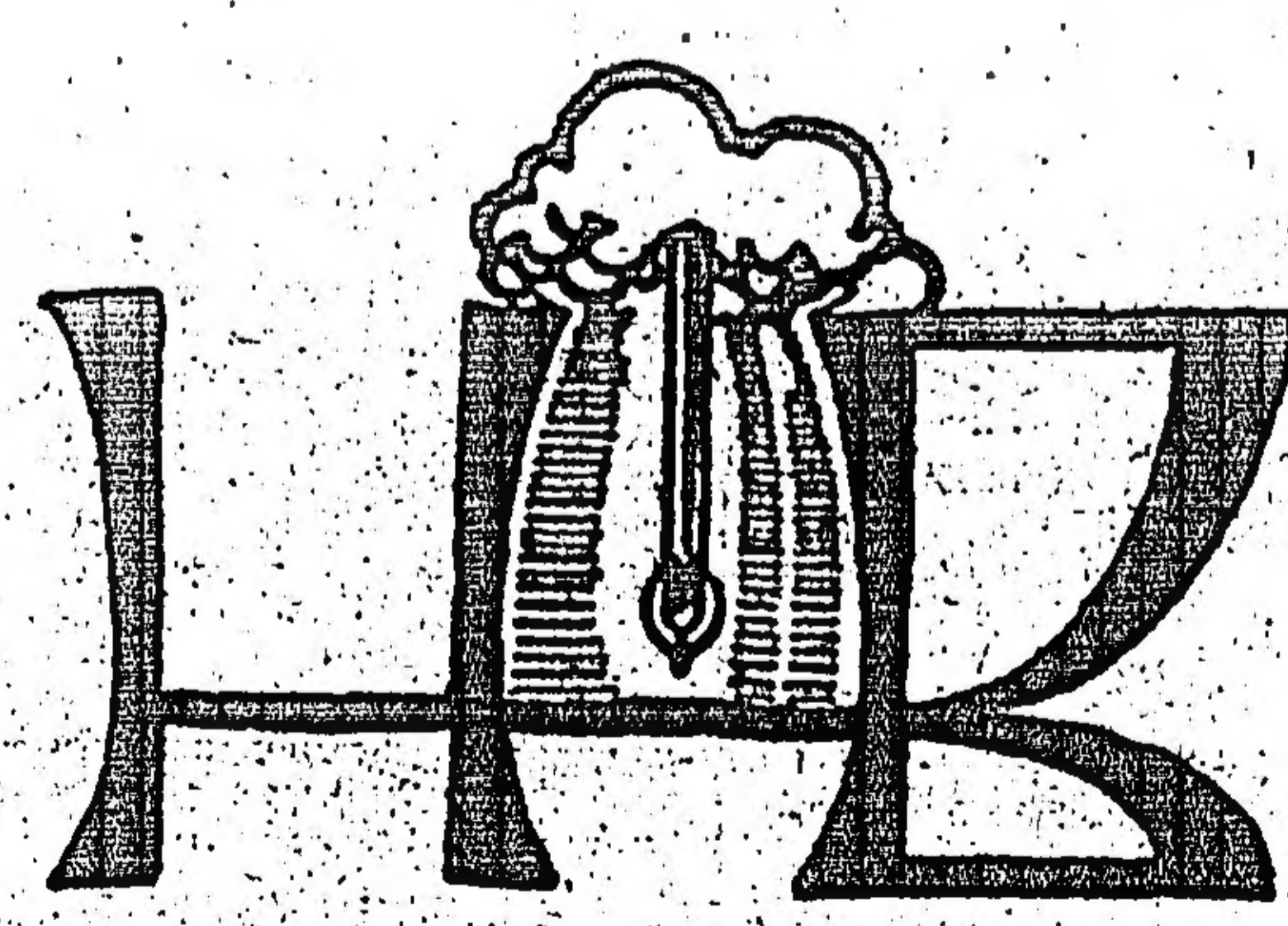
The advance guard of South African troops which arrived in East Africa a few months ago has been strongly reinforced by another contingent.—Reuter.

AN HONEST ERROR?

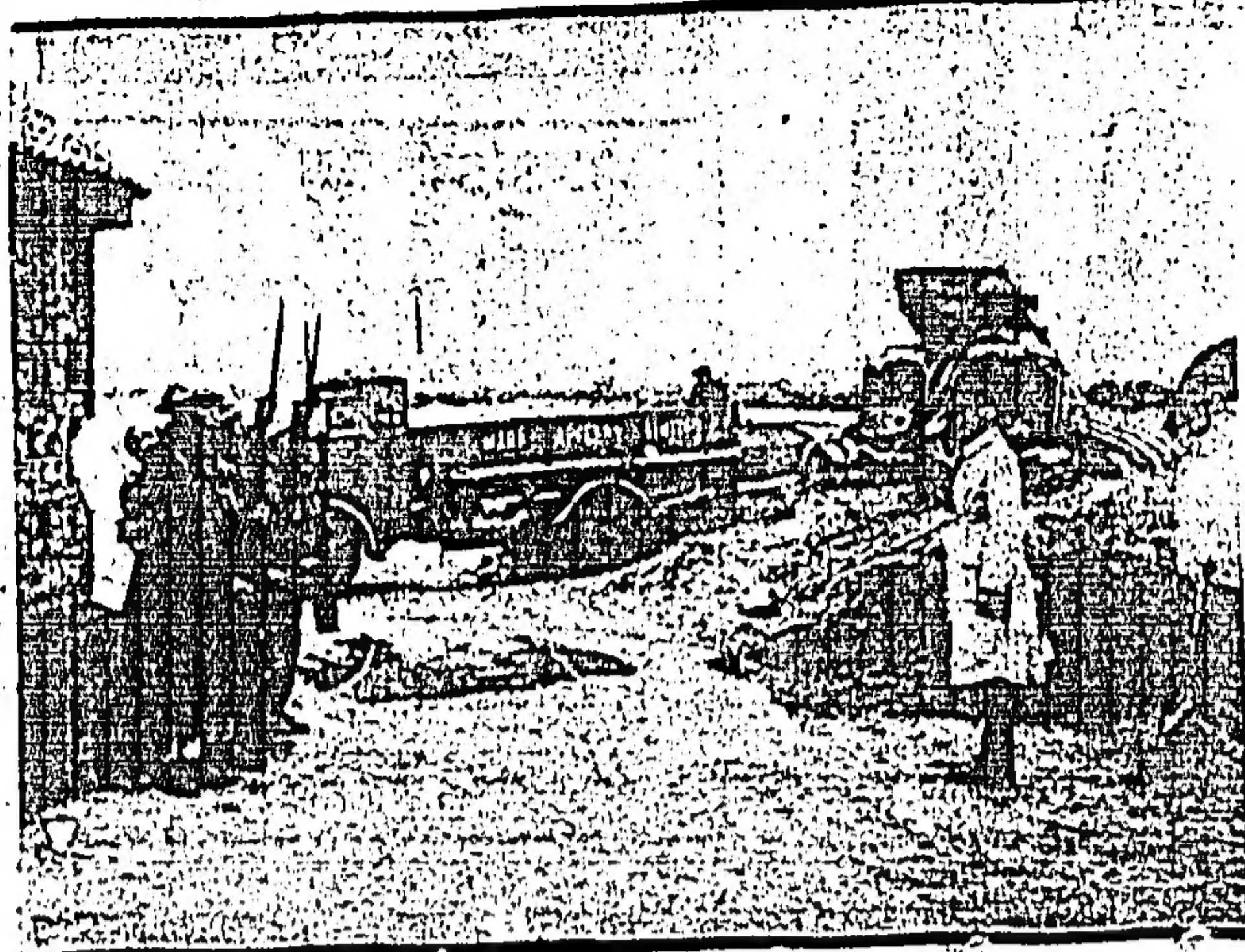
FOR REASONS BEST KNOWN TO THEMSELVES, THE GERMANS YESTERDAY SAID THAT EIGHT OF THEIR MACHINES FAILED TO RETURN FROM NIGHT RAIDS OVER BRITAIN.

The Air Ministry only claimed one! Unofficial reports say that another blew up over the North Sea.—Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!



Lt. Gen. Sir Ronald F. Adam, Bart, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., General Officer Commanding in Chief, Northern Command, on a tour of inspection of some of the defences on the Northumbrian Coast. The G.O.C. is taking the Guard's salute. (Copyright, Fox).

INCOME TAX FOR CHARITY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE WHITE RUSSIAN EMIGRE COMMUNITY IN SHANGHAI, NUMBERING OVER 25,000, WILL HAVE TO PAY A MONTHLY INCOME TAX TO THE LOCAL RUSSIAN EMIGRANTS COMMITTEE FROM NOVEMBER 1.

The measure will be similar to the income tax formerly imposed by the Chinese Government on those Shanghai residents who did not enjoy extraliquor rights.

It is understood the scheme is devoid of any political attachments since its purpose is to centralise all educational and charity work. Bachelors will pay an additional fee.—Havas.

NAZI RADIO SHUTS UP

"BECAUSE OF NEW WAR CIRCUMSTANCES," ALL GERMAN BROADCASTING STATIONS—EXCEPT BRESLAU—WILL IN FUTURE CLOSE DOWN AT 8.15 P.M., SAID A CURIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT FROM BERLIN RADIO YESTERDAY.

The announcer advised listeners to listen in to Breslau after 8.15 p.m. as that will be the only station operating.

No explanation was given as to what these "new war circumstances" were.—Reuter.



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Greeks Still Hold Mountain Passes Against Italians

REPORTS REACHING London yesterday evening showed that the Greeks were still holding their positions against the Italians in the mountain passes along the frontier.

Greece's famous "kilted troops" are now in action. They are recruited from the mountain districts and are now face to face with Italy's "Alpine" divisions.

Italian claims to have advanced into Greece were denied in Athens yesterday afternoon.

The Greek soldiers are now using the slogan they used during the Balkan wars — "We will drive them into the sea!"

Up to yesterday evening, there were no signs that the "big push" the Italians had announced for dawn yesterday had met with any greater success than on the day before.

"Adverse Weather"

The Italian High Command in Rome claimed that Italian troops had penetrated at various points and that the "advance is continuing."

A suggestion that things are not going as well as was expected is contained in a reference to "adverse weather."

The main Italian drive seems to be concentrated at the north-west corner of Greece, where the frontier joins those of Yugoslavia and Albania.

The main objective here seems to be the city of Florina, an important railway connection between Yugoslavia and Salonika. Both Florina and Kastoria are said to have been bombed, while there are heavy artillery duels along the whole frontier.

Reserve Suggested

There are a flock of unconfirmed reports coming from the various Balkan capitals. Among these are rumours of an Italian/British naval clash, which is declared improbable in London, and of the landing of British troops in Crete, which is denied in London.

All these reports must be treated with considerable reserve. They bear a remarkable similarity to those at the opening of the Norwegian campaign and which were put out by the enemy propaganda service with the object of spreading disappointment when they are found to be untrue. — Reuter.

ITALY TRUE TO TYPE

AGENCY REPORTS FROM ROME SHOW THAT THE ITALIANS HAVE BEEN TRUE TO TYPE IN THEIR TREATMENT OF GREEK DIPLOMATS.

Electricity in the Greek Legation in Rome has been cut off so as to prevent the Greek Minister and his staff from listening to foreign broadcasts.

The Minister and staff are to leave for home either to-day or to-morrow. — Reuter.

Senators

"No man," he declared, "is ever an 'indispensable'; the people may simply think he is. The salvation of this Nation can never be trusted to one man, even temporarily, but its destiny and its future lie in the strength and character of its people who clothe with executive authority the best man they consider available for the time being."

Mrs. Mabel Jones West, President of the Alabama Woman's Democratic Club, of Birmingham, Ala., told the committee she regards the attempt to break the third term tradition as a "violation of democratic principles and a serious threat to our American way of life."

She charged that self-interest is a compelling factor in the New Deal's desire for continuation and held that millions receiving financial aid from the Roosevelt Administration are "now being called to vote for the New Deal as a 'pay off.'"

AMERICA'S POPULATION ON MOVE

The population centre of the United States has moved eastward for the first time in history, preliminary census figures indicated.

Experts said it would be several months before the exact location could be fixed, but, as far as they could tell from early figures from almost every State in the Union, the centre would be several miles south-east of its 1930 location which was 2.9 miles north-east of Linton, Indiana.

They based their calculations primarily on the fact that while the total population of the United States apparently gained between 7 and 8 per cent., the South Atlantic States gained 12.5 per cent.

The Census Bureau already has compiled preliminary 1940 population totals for every State and for the Nation, but is guarding the figures for the last six States and the Nation with unusual secrecy until their scheduled release.

Sees 7.5 Per Cent Gain

Meanwhile, the most informed estimates place the national total at approximately 132,000,000, or about 7.5 per cent. above the 122,775,046 count in 1930.

As indicated by the possible eastward movement of the population centre, the 1940 census is expected to show many important shifts in the distribution of people — changes which may alter substantially the apportionment of seats in the House of Representatives.

Figures so far available point toward these general conclusions:

The South Atlantic States apparently have had the largest numerical population gain.

The Pacific States lead in percentage gain.

The Midwest States, from North Dakota to Oklahoma, inclusive, have lost population.

The New England States have gained a little, but less than the national average.

Little Change Likely

Wherever the centre of the Nation's population moves, the experts said, it is not likely to be many miles and probably will stay in Indiana where it has been since 1890.

At the time of the first census in 1790—with virtually all of the country's inhabitants living along the Eastern Seaboard—the centre of population was 23 miles east of Baltimore. Since then, westward migration has moved east of Baltimore. Since then, the point steadily westward, generally about 50 miles a decade. It reached Columbus, Ind., in 1890 and since has moved only 87 miles.

Census officials said that they computed the centre of population by a complicated mathematical formula, which showed what is technically known as the "centre of gravity" of the population. They said that this meant that the result of their calculations was determined not only by the number of persons in each section of the country, but also by the density of population in different sections.

DIPLOMATS

STILL IN

ROME AND ATHENS

The Italian Ambassador, Signor Grazzi, continues at his post in Athens while M. Politis, Greek Ambassador to Italy, is still in Rome, according to the official German news agency yesterday. — Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE QUIET

The London Stock Exchange yesterday was generally quiet but there was some renewed interest in industrials in which breweries and tobaccos were prominent. Among oil Trinidad issues were supported. Gilt-edged were fractionally lower while Kaffirs were heavy. After hours it was announced that Anglo-Iranian were not declaring an interim dividend. This is the first interim passed since 1934. Wall Street was quiet. — Reuter.

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HITLER'S TERMS TO PIERRE LAVAL, THE FRENCH VICE-PREMIER, INCLUDED THE PLACING OF THE FRENCH FLEET AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE AXIS, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY REUTER YESTERDAY FROM STOCKHOLM AND ZURICH.

FRENCH EMBASSY ISSUES DENIAL

There is no foundation to rumours of peace negotiations or cessions of territory by the French Government to Germany and Italy, stated a French Embassy statement issued in Washington yesterday.

The statement also denied that the Axis is to have the use of strategic bases or that there will be any curtailment of French sovereignty in any point in France or the Empire.—Reuter.

The following two important messages were received by Reuter from Switzerland and Sweden on the subject of the recent Hitler-Laval talks.

The similarity of news coming from such different sources seems to confirm its authenticity and deals with the terms Germany has submitted to France.

POPPY DAY APPEAL

Contributions totalling \$1,802, headed by one of \$100 by H.E. the Acting Governor, have already been received for the Colony's 1940 Poppy Day Appeal.

The Organising Secretary points out that the present War is placing even greater strain on the resources of the British Legion and that the appeal becomes of greater importance than ever before. It is hoped that the Colony's contribution will be generous.

Sale of poppies will be held this year on Saturday, November 9, instead of November 11, which is a public holiday.

Contributions may be sent to the Secretary, Earl Haig's Fund, H.K. and S. Bank Building.

The Stockholm message states that according to reliable information in the Swedish capital it is understood that in the course of the recent conversations between Laval and Hitler the latter submitted the following terms to the French Government.

Firstly, the cession of Alsace-Lorraine to Germany.

Secondly, air and naval bases in unoccupied France to be at Axis disposal for the duration of hostilities.

Thirdly, the French fleet to be placed at the disposal of the Axis.

Indo-China To Japan

Fourthly, France to cede Indo-China to Japan.

Fifthly, the greater part of Morocco to be given to Spain.

Sixthly, the Italian share of the booty to be Tunis and a substantial portion of Algeria, together with the Department of the Alpes Maritimes.

Seventhly, French colonies to be placed under a triple mandate in which Germany and Italy would participate with France but the regime to be subject to review on the termination of hostilities.

Zurich Version

The Zurich message states that according to reliable information which has reached Switzerland, Hitler has proposed the following peace terms to France:—

Firstly, Morocco to go to Spain. Secondly, Indo-China to go to Japan.

Thirdly, Italy to receive Tunis, part of Algeria and the Alpes Maritimes.

Fourthly, Germany to have Alsace Lorraine and a free zone of which the conditions have not yet been defined and which would extend from Switzerland to the North Sea.

Fifthly, air and naval bases will be at the disposal of the Axis for the duration of hostilities, and similarly the French fleet will be at the disposal of the Germans and Italians.

Sixthly, French colonies under a triple mandate until the end of the war.—Reuter.

A HITCH OCCURS?

The Berlin correspondent of the Swiss newspaper "Basler Nachrichten" says that the French official communique on the Hitler/Petain talks caused great disappointment in official Berlin circles because its phrasing was vague.

The German press has been ordered not to print it or not comment on it.—Reuter.

cooperate economically and politically in establishing under German leadership a "new order" in Europe aimed against Britain.

In regard to military cooperation the view is maintained in Zurich that France will probably hand over to the Axis powers naval bases on her Mediterranean coast and French North Africa.

It is not believed there is any question of the French colonial army fighting against Britain unless it is attacked but the possibility of French fleet participation in the war cannot be excluded.—Reuter.

HITLER GETS IL DUCE TO DEMAND LESS OF FRANCE

THE FRANCO-GERMAN AGREEMENT WAS MADE POSSIBLE ONLY BY HITLER, AT THE FLORENCE MEETING, PERSUADING MUSSOLINI TO ACCEPT LIMITATION OF ITALY'S TERRITORIAL ASPIRATIONS IN REGARD TO FRANCE, IN THE OPINION OF DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS IN ZURICH YESTERDAY.

Italian aspirations envisaged the cession by France of Corsica, Savoy and Tunis, but it is understood that under the new settlement France will retain Corsica and Savoy, and possibly even Nice.

In regard to Tunis, nothing is known though possibly the original scheme for a condominium is still valid.

It is thought likely Italy stipulated she should receive compensation at the expense of Greece.

Other concessions Germany has probably made to France include French retention of Lorraine, but not Alsace, the transfer of the Vichy Government to Paris and the moving northwards of the demarcation line between occupied and unoccupied territory.

French Commitment

In return for these concessions France would be bound to



With a Coastal Defence Battery in the Eastern Command. Cleaning up the barrel. (Copyright, Fox).

GRAZIANI UNMOVED

There has as yet been no sign of a corresponding Italian move in North Africa.

British Headquarters, Cairo, says that there is nothing to report in Egypt, Kenya and Palestine.

In the Sudan last Saturday and Sunday our ground troops, aided by aircraft, drove back an enemy survey party on the left bank of the Blue Nile and caused some casualties.—Reuter.

SCHARNHORST REPORTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

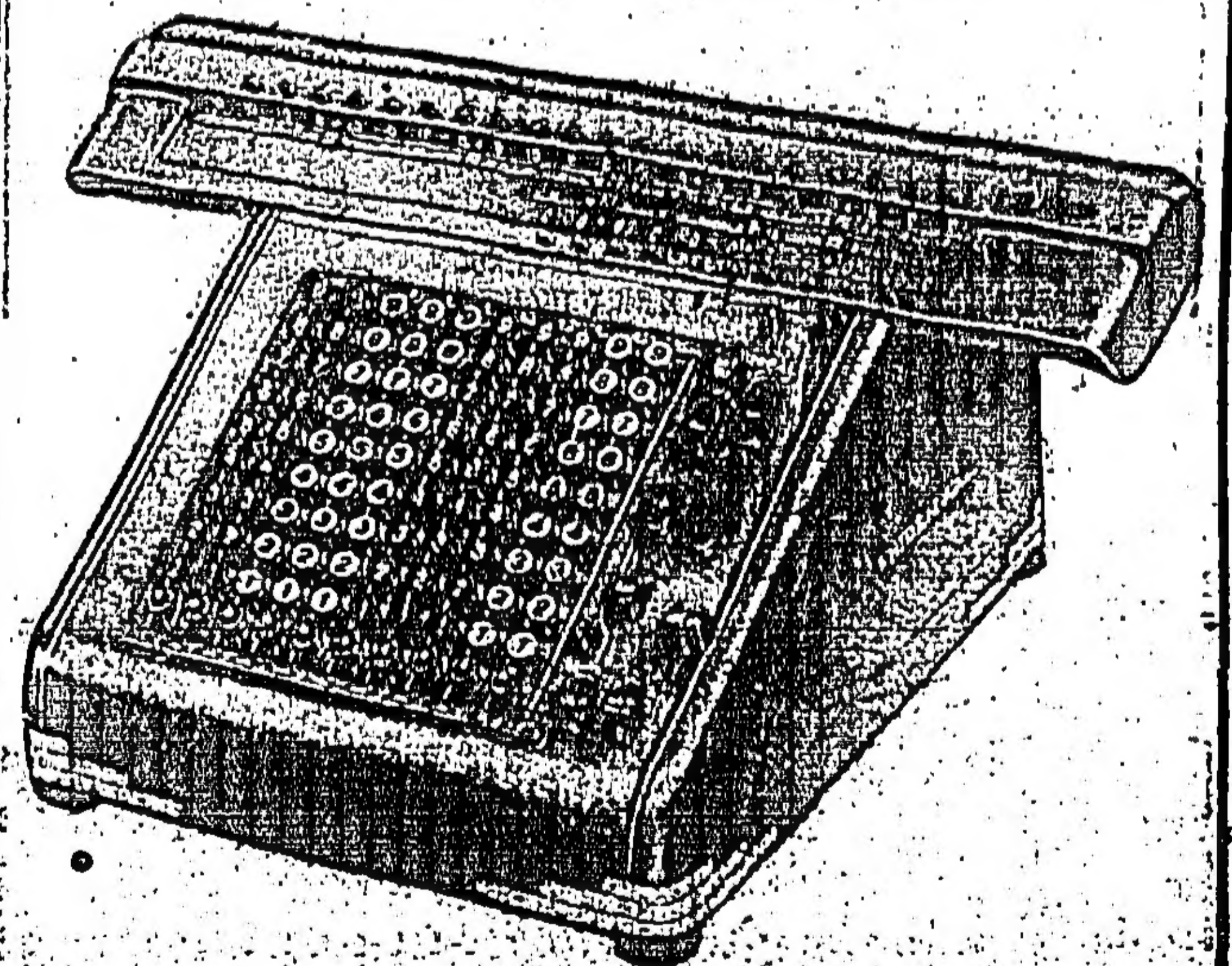
The Shanghai "Evening Post and Mercury" reported last evening that several big guns have been placed on board the German liner Scharnhorst which took refuge in Kobe on the outbreak of war.

Further changes are also noticeable to the vessel's "lines," says the paper.

Many Kobe residents expect the Scharnhorst will shortly be at sea, possibly to carry out raiding work in the Pacific.—Havas.

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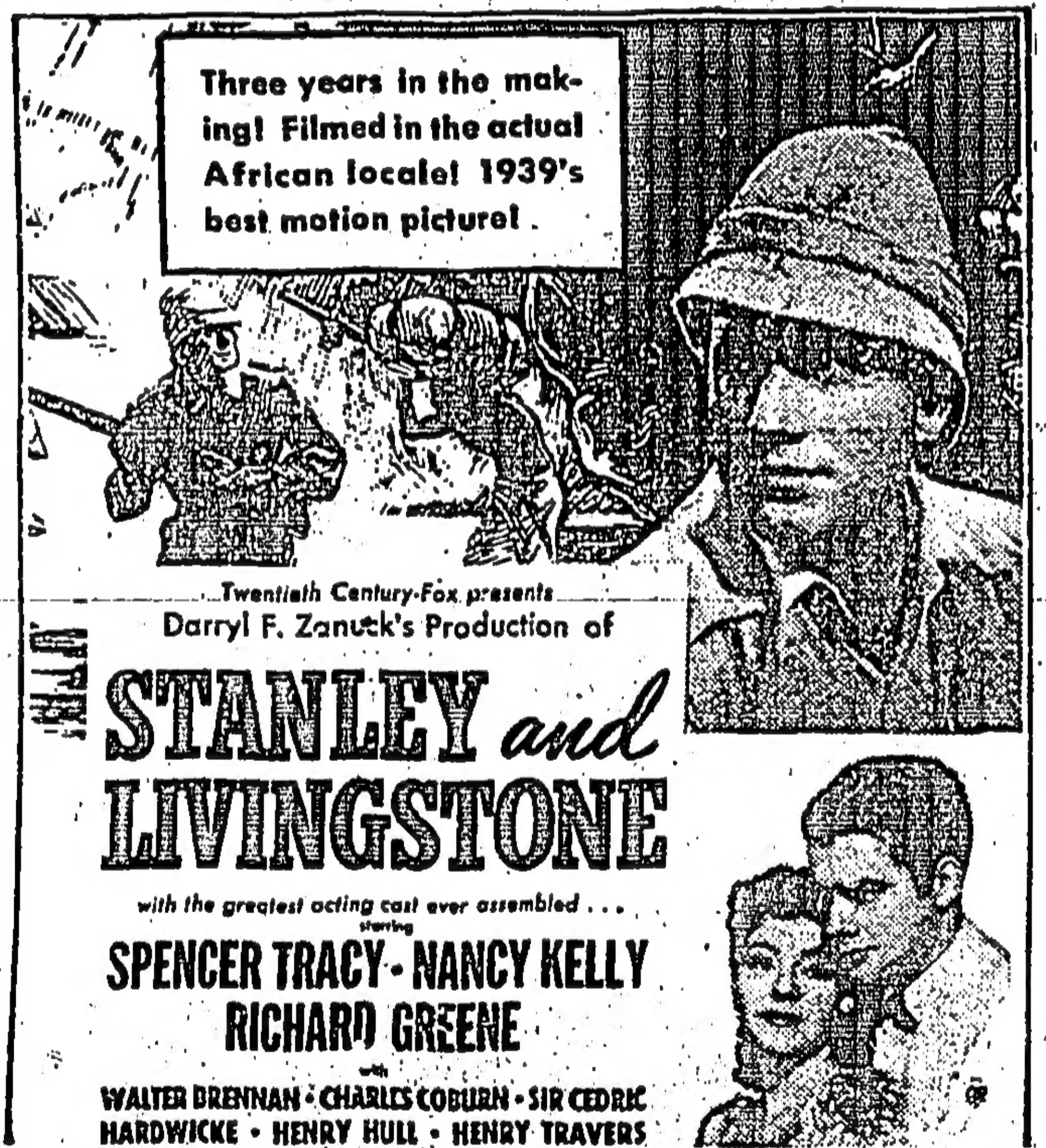
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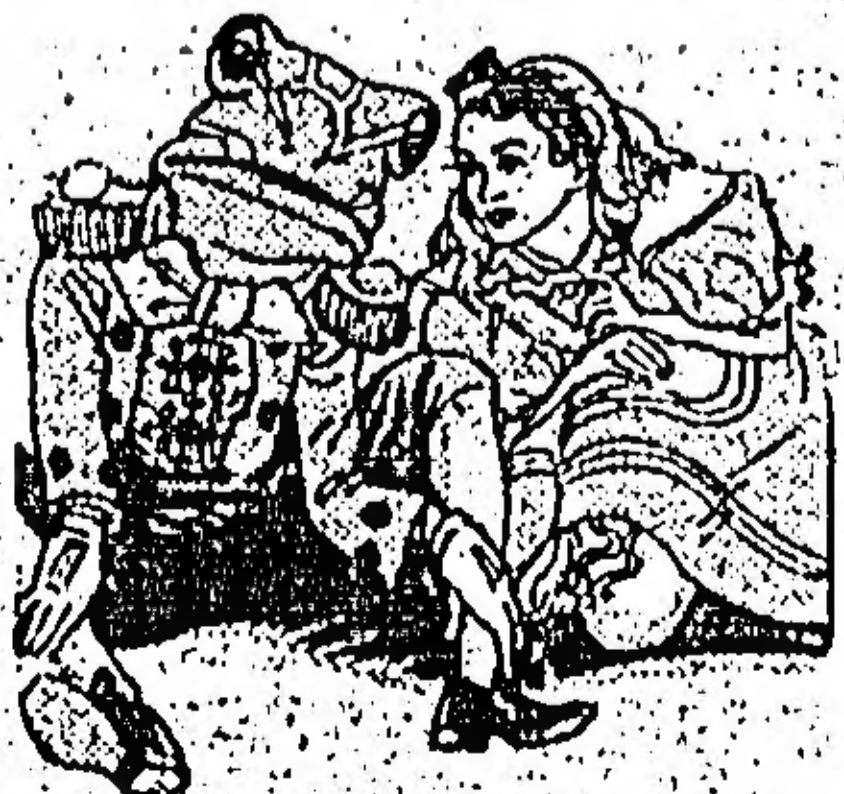
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HUGE AIRPORT AT ALEXANDRIA

Construction of what is expected to be one of the world's largest airports has been proceeding apace near Alexandria, junction point of the British services to Africa and the Far East.

The cost of construction is expected to be recovered to some extent from profits to be derived from the reclamation of land from Lake Mariout for agricultural purposes.

Alexandria is situated on a narrow strip of land about one mile wide separating the Mediterranean Sea from Lake Mariout or "Mareotis" of the Ancient Greeks. The lake level is maintained by powerful pumps near its western end, at about ten feet below sea level, thereby benefitting large areas of low lying lands which drain into it.

No Provision For Rain

From its bed a block of about 700 acres in area, or about one mile square, situated close to the suburb of Nouzha and about three miles to the east of the centre of Alexandria, has been embanked, pumped dry, and supplied with an intensive system of under-drainage by means of concrete pipes. The site is greatly preferable to that of the former airport of Dekheila situated about eight miles to the west of the city and now taken over by the Air Force.

The new airport might be used almost immediately during the dry season, but so far no provision

NORWAY'S AIR FORCE IN CANADA

Far from their native land, Norwegian airmen are building a new Air Force in Canada. Uniforms of naval and army pilots as well as Norwegian sailors are no longer strange sights on the streets of Toronto, where hundreds of Norwegians have started training new units of the Royal Norwegian Army Air Force and the Royal Norwegian Naval Air Force.

About a thousand men are expected to be in training this winter in the camp which has been built near Toronto's Island airport. They have come from England after escaping from Norway. Some had their small ships sunk under them and shipped on smaller rescue vessels to Great Britain. Some swam to Sweden after escaping from Norway.

One group even stole a German plane, painted out the German markings and made Great Britain. Others have joined the Norse fliers from Canada and the United States.

The Norwegians will train in planes which their Government ordered from the United States prior to Norway's capture by Germany. These are being delivered now, and include trainers as well as modern fast fighters, bombers, and seaplane patrol bombers. In all about 100 planes are being brought to Canada from United States factories for the training of the Norse fliers.

Norwegians formerly used British, German, and Italian-made aeroplanes. They will learn in Canada how to handle American-built machines, will build a ground force thoroughly acquainted with servicing American-made engines, aeroplanes, and accessories.

They will also train their own radio operators, gunners, observers and navigators basing the training on that of their allied air forces in Canada and Great Britain.

Heading all Norwegian fighting forces in Canada—a Norwegian naval force is also being trained on the Atlantic coast—is Gen. William Steffens, who was in charge of the Norwegian west coast defence.

He is also liaison officer between the Norwegian government-in-exile in Great Britain and the government at Ottawa.

Eventually when fully trained the Norwegian airmen will take their place on the war front along with Czech, French, Belgian, Polish, and Holland forces now aiding Great Britain.

ANGLO-TURKISH FRIENDSHIP

Anglo-Turkish friendship was accentuated by a telegram sent yesterday by the King to the President of Turkey on the occasion of the celebration of the foundation of the Turkish Republic, expressing cordial greetings and heartfelt wishes for the prosperity of the great Turkish nation. — Reuter.

has been made for surfacing it to make it utilisable after the heavy rain that frequently falls in the months of December to February, seeing that its present salty content makes the soil a quagmire when wet.

If, as the States Domains Department which is carrying out the work proposes, the salt is to be washed out, it will probably be more than a year before the soil is sufficiently sweet to grow grass. The alternative of making special runways would be costly.

While the above area is for land-planes, provision has been made for constructing a basin covering 1,050 acres close to the east side of the aerodrome for the landing of seaplanes. Here the embankments would be made for the purpose of containing water at about sea level instead of excluding it to a level of about 18 feet below sea level as is the case at the aerodrome.

The airport will have a depth of about 12 feet of water and, shaped somewhat like a balloon with its truncated base on the south side, is to have a maximum length of about two miles.

Reclamation Of Soil

The project also comprises reclamation work whereby approximately 3,000 acres adjoining the airport on all sides, except the north are to be drained, washed and rendered cultivable. The pumps which are to drain these 3,000 acres and the 700 acres of aerodrome are to discharge into the airport, the area of which is just about sufficient to evaporate off the quantity pumped in.

In normal circumstances the whole project is expected to be completed within five years, though the airports could be used in a year's time if the necessary funds are available.

THE SERFS FREER THAN GERMANS

Labour regimentation in the Third Reich has now reached a point where the German worker of to-day has less freedom than the serfs of the Middle Ages and there is little likelihood of a substantial restoration of his freedom, according to a survey undertaken for the Brookings Institution by Dr. L. Hamburger, formerly professor of labour legislation at the University of Geneva.

The German worker to-day is employed entirely at the will of the State, according to Dr. Hamburger. He is attached by law not only to a particular industry, but to a particular job, and in practice changes of jobs are permitted only when it is to the interest of the State.

The survey points out that this regimentation was a gradual development in which the Nazi Party slowly but surely extended its now all-powerful control. It began in an effort to end unemployment, then passed into the phase of armybuilding and then into the stage where it was necessary to conscript workers for agriculture.

Regimented Nation

The labour programme effected a wholesale closing down of small independent businesses and the transfer of such business men to the rank and file of workers, the survey continues. This programme began with reducing the number of peddlers and itinerant salesmen, and was broadened to include shopkeepers and independent artisans.

Many independent artisans operating small establishments found their employees ordered to other work, and as no substitute employees were provided, they were impelled to close up shop and take employment offered by the Government office. By July of 1939, 100,000 independent artisans had been made industrial workers and the transfer of altogether 500,000 was officially forecast.

The author expresses doubt that peace will bring additional restoration of the German worker's freedom. He predicts that some of the rigors of the system will be modified, but says the suppression of this freedom of the nation as a whole, resting on a fundamental philosophy in which war itself is but a mere incident.

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INVASION
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Stories of heavy German troop losses resulting from exercises and manœuvres in the English Channel preparatory to an invasion attempt were told in New York by passengers arriving on the American Export Liner Exeter.

Almost identical stories were brought by Robert Solberg, Vice-President of Arnco International Corporation, who left France Aug. 25, after 20 years in Paris, and Carl Ter Weele, a Dutch radio executive, who left the Netherlands Aug. 27.

They agreed that the Dutch and the French were supplying the British with advance information of German exercises on self-propelled barges in the Channel and that British bombers had taken a heavy toll.

Mr. Solberg said he had definite information that the Germans have attempted no actual invasion of England. The Channel exercises, he related, consisted of sending troops about two miles out in the Channel on self-propelled barges and then turning about to make practice landings on the French coast.

Thousands Lost

He said the British tipped off

CONSERVATIVE CABINET
TAKES OVER
CONTROL IN ARGENTINA

Although the political crisis ended with a liberal triumph, the acting Chief Executive, Ramon Castillo, has chosen a conservative Cabinet to carry on the Argentine Federal Government until Roberto M. Ortiz is able to resume the Presidency.

by the Dutch and French, waited for the barges with planes and submarines and that "thousands of Germans have been lost in this fashion."

Mr. Solberg said he recently visited a French Channel port where bodies of German troops were washed ashore daily. The guns which the Germans used to shell Dover, England, he said, were heavy French guns which the invading German army captured, and that French ammunition was used.

Mr. Ter Weele, a lieutenant in the Dutch artillery, said that he knew of many German invasion exercises off the Netherlands coast and that many men had been lost as a result of advance information reaching the British.

He said that some German troops had refused to take part in the exercises and that he had seen many of them sent back to Germany, their hands tied behind their backs. Mr. Ter Weele got out of the Netherlands through his friendship with a German officer he knew before the war.

Dr. Castillo, as Vice-President, assumed control shortly before the storm burst over the Palomar land scandal. The disclosures caused Dr. Ortiz to return and assume responsibility. His resignation was refused and his democratic reputation enhanced before Parliament and the country.

It has been suggested that Dr. Castillo is a "rightist" in the fascist sense and dictatorially inclined. President Ortiz does not seem to be of this opinion, but Argentines were perturbed when the Castillo Cabinet was announced. Some kind of coalition had been anticipated. Instead, the Cabinet was definitely conservative. The Radicals and Socialists, who had contributed largely to popular vindication of President Ortiz, said the situation was worse than before the crisis.

Apparently, Dr. Castillo had a free hand in the choice of his colleagues, though the Cabinet arrangement will only hold good in the absence of the President. There is a growing feeling that this absence may be prolonged. This, perhaps, explains why many sources would have preferred the appointment of a permanent Cabinet by the President and Vice-President, jointly.

The new Cabinet, although conservative, includes sincere advocates of democracy and friendship with the United States and Great Britain. The British, especially, should be pleased with the inclusion of Dr. Julio A. Roca as Foreign Minister and Dr. Frederico Pinedo as Finance Minister. The Castillo regime can be considered extremely pro-British.

Dr. Roca negotiated the Anglo-Argentine agreement in 1933 which is still the main feature of Argentine overseas trading policy. The Runciman-Roca pact, with its preferential claims on exchange, has never been popular among other nations. Dr. Roca has always stood by this agreement and worked for close relationships between the two countries.

Finance Minister Pinedo is equally pro-British but more significance attaches to his appointment because he is also an anti-Nazi. In public speeches and "open letters" he has repeatedly denounced the totalitarians and appealed for closer association with the Anglo-American democratic cause.

The democratic ideals of the Ministers holding two key posts in the new Cabinet may enable Acting President Castillo to resist popular criticism and dissipate suspicion that he is associated with reaction rather than with the liberalism that triumphed through President Ortiz.

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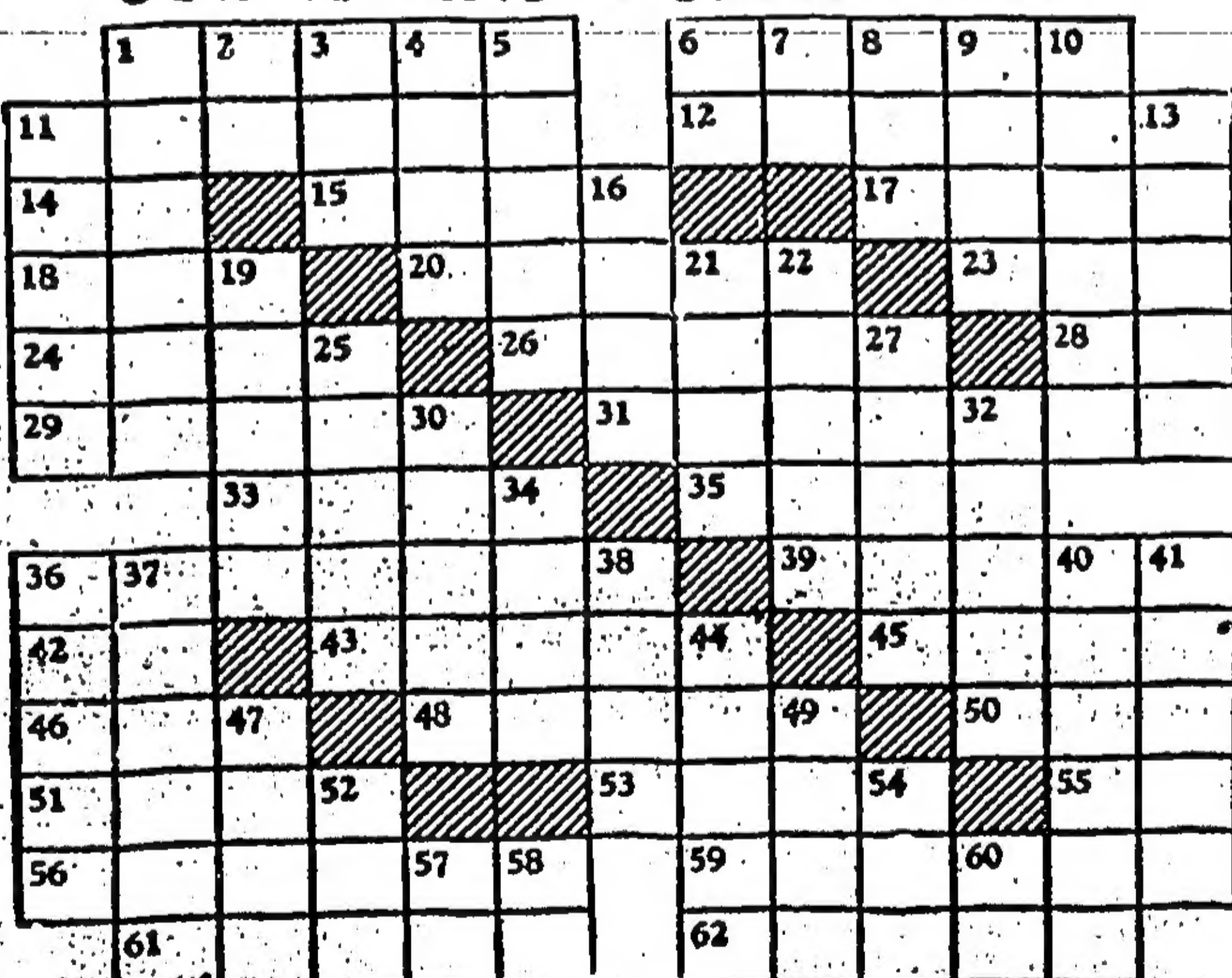
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- 6 Wanders
- 11 Virtuous
- 12 Anything that exists
- 14 Land measure
- 15 Nobleman
- 17 Wings
- 18 To allow
- 20 Prickly bush
- 21 Greek letter
- 24 Grape refuse
- 25 To destroy the force of
- 28 City in Chaldea
- 29 To begin
- 31 Inhabitant
- 33 Burning pile
- 35 Floor covering
- 36 Utter hopelessness
- 38 Heavy rope
- 42 Chopping tool
- 43 Spanish silk fabric
- 45 To stuff
- 46 Frozen water
- 48 Citrus fruit

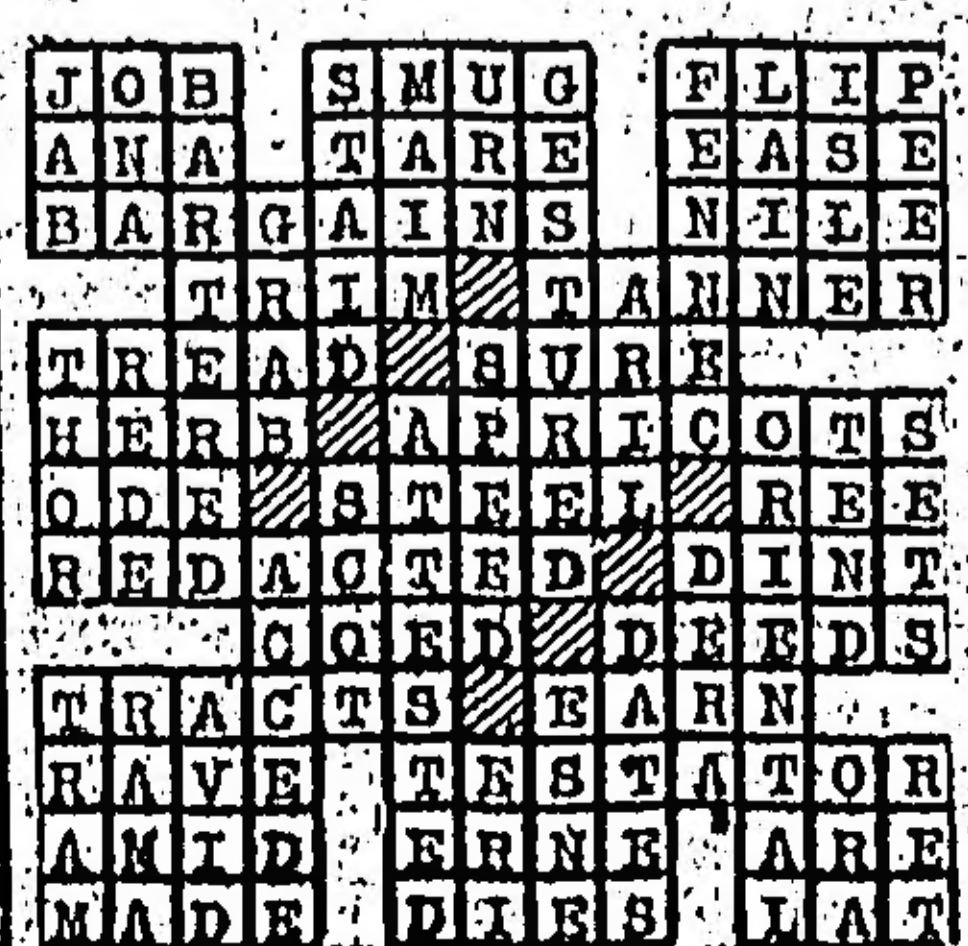
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- 1 Menace
- 2 Sun god
- 3 To employ
- 4 To pierce
- 5 Latin earth
- 6 Note of scale
- 7 Preposition
- 8 Luzon savage
- 9 5,280 feet
- 10 Large marble or bronze figure

VERTICAL

- 11 Soothers
- 13 To long
- 16 Swedish singer
- 19 Captures
- 21 The dill
- 22 Style of type
- 23 Secret vault
- 27 Flowering shrub
- 30 To follow
- 32 Striped mammal
- 34 Country in Europe
- 36 Turkish tambourine
- 37 To pardon
- 38 Sloping walk
- 40 Kind of rig on sailing vessels
- 41 To alter
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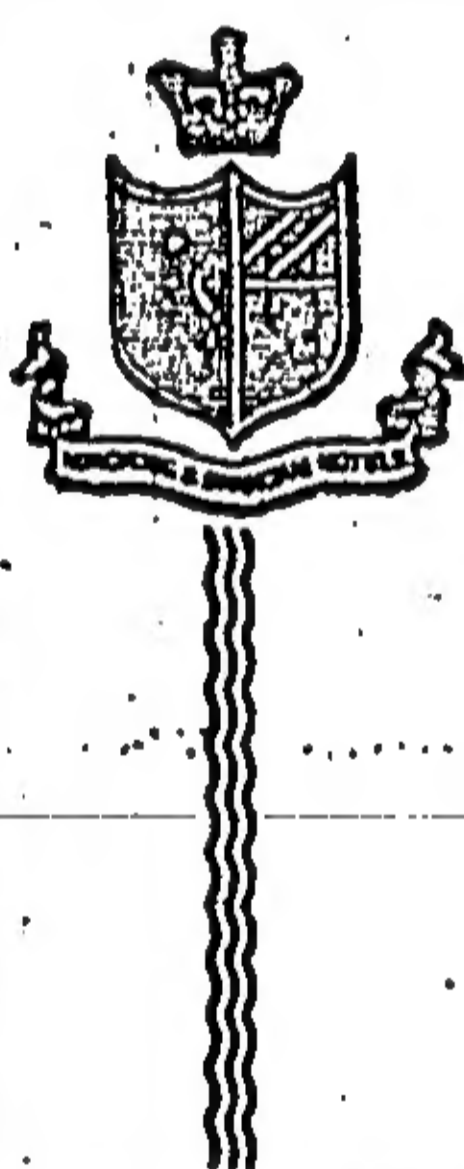
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TRAPPED NURSE DIES AS SIRENS HERALD NEW RAID

Nurses in borrowed tin hats went to work with pick-axes and shovels to the rescue of one of their colleagues buried deep under the debris of a London hospital.

Although she had been trapped under the wreckage for many hours, this stoic nurse talked cheerfully to her rescuers as they tunnelled desperately to reach her, and she helped to guide their work.

Then, after 15 hours, as they gently lifted her on to a stretcher, she heard the rising note of the siren. "Is that a raid?" she whispered. The sirens grew louder. For the first time she lost consciousness. When the sirens stopped she was dead.

A fireman who had been digging said: "We were just three minutes too late." A doctor said: "I believe she would have lived if we could have kept the noise of the sirens from her."

The dead nurse was Miss Mortimer Thomas, slim, fair-haired, and described by another nurse as "a lively vivacious girl."

This hospital, with two others felt the impact of Nazi bombs in the London district.

One of the firemen who was helping in the rescue work told a reporter, "The way these nurses carry on is almost super-human. They've been up all night looking after the injured and still they find the courage to keep on. You can't say enough in praise of them."

A stick of bombs fell through the nurses' home in one hospital. Nineteen nurses and patients were injured, four are believed killed.

The three-story brick wing of another hospital was reduced to a mass of rubble by several direct hits.

A few minutes later the nurses were going cheerfully to work their normal routine uninterrupted.

Many Heroes

The secretary of one of the London hospitals hit paid high tribute to the patients. Although all the windows were broken, their beds being littered with glass and the air thick with choking dust, their behaviour was magnificent, he said.

"Within 15 minutes of the explosion, which was tremendous, they were enjoying a cup of tea and singing."

"We are still carrying on—and what is more, we are ready to take further patients."

"After the bomb had fallen there was a rush of nurses and male staff to assist in rescue work. We were without light, for torches had to be handed. We could hardly breathe because of the dust."

Some of the nurses who were in shelters escaped through a coal-hole after the masonry above them collapsed.

One of the nurses said: "Not one of the patients in the damaged ward turned a hair. They were marvellous."

Patients Sing

Tales of heroism are many. A man of 82 was carried into an operating room. Both legs had been blown off. To the surgeon he said: "Don't worry about me, sir. Help those who need it. Thank God we have got Hitler taped anyhow." A moment later he died.

A young wife was brought in suffering from a severe arm injury, but she steadfastly refused an anaesthetic though a lot of stitches were required. Then she went, saying: "I must get home now. I have got to make my old man his cup of tea."

SECRET POLICE IN NORWAY

For the first time in history Norway has its secret police. The field of activity of the new secret police is not clarified in a report, which simply says it will handle "certain police questions which arose out of the situation created by the occupation of Norway."

ACCUSED OF RAID SIGNAL

Allegations that torch flashes were seen coming from a window during air raids were made at West London Police Court, when a man and woman were further remanded in custody on a charge of making signals intended to be received by aircraft.

They were Emil Wirth, sixty-two, and his wife, Alma Wirth, sixty-one, of Childs Street, Kensington. Mr. Vincent Evans, representing the Director of Public Prosecutions, said the man was a German-Swiss, and had been in this country since 1912.

His wife was English before marriage.

"During an air raid on the night of August 24," Mr. Evans continued, "a man living in the same street saw flashes from the window of the accused whenever any aeroplanes appeared to be overhead."

"On a subsequent night a light appeared to be going on and off. The attention of the police was called, and the accused were arrested."

The woman said: "The only thing I did was to shine a torch in the gas stove because I didn't want the kettle to boil over."

Later, Wirth said: "I made no sign. I haven't got a torch. I don't care what you do. Get me six months. I say no more."

The couple pleaded not guilty. Their case, said Mr. Louis Morris, defending, was that this charge of signalling to the enemy was pure fantasy.

PRODIGAL DAUGHTERS RETURN

CLUB RAIDS ARE MOTHERS' JOY

Clean-up raids by Scotland Yard's vice squad on squalid drinking dens of Soho and the West End are bringing joy to the hearts of mothers in South Wales mining valleys and the shipyard towns of the north-east coast.

For closing down of these dens and so-called clubs is leading to the discovery of girls reported missing.

Lured by the glamour of London or by the offer of well-paid jobs at a time when unemployment was rampant in their native towns and villages, they just vanished, after their homes had received a few weekly letters.

After The Raid

Police were notified, and searches made. But in too many cases the girls were never heard of again.

WHY DUCHESS IS UNHAPPY

Unhappy in Nassau because the weather is so hot, the Duchess of Windsor hopes to come to New York soon "to cool off," according to an interview in the "New York Mirror."

An interviewer wrote that dozens of mosquito bites bulged through the Duchess's stockings and there were dark rings under her eyes.

"I've lost pounds," she said. "All my life I've disliked hot weather, and coming to Nassau is like taking a permanent slimming cure."

SPITFIRE SAVES SON, FATHER'S £5,000

Mr. John Urie, managing director of City Bakeries, Glasgow, has given £5,000 to the Minister of Aircraft Production as a thanksgiving for his son's safety in an air duel against the Germans.

Another £5,000 has been given by Mr. Urie's firm. It was handed to Lord Beaverbrook by Mr. Garfield Weston, the biscuit millionaire, who has a controlling interest in the firm. Mr. Weston recently gave the Government £100,000 to replace planes lost in air battles.

Mr. Urie's son is twenty-four-year-old Flight-Lieutenant John Dunlop Urie. His father said: "If the Spitfires were not such good machines my son would not be alive. That is why I am giving the £5,000."

"In a recent fight his Spitfire was badly damaged by a German shell, but it stood up to it, and he landed safely. When he reached the ground it was found that his parachute had been riddled with bullets."

Wellington College, Berkshire, has started a Spitfire fund to mark the award of the V.C. to Flight-Lieutenant Learoyd, an old boy.



JAPAN AND THE AXIS

The unpleasant consequences to Japan of her decision to enter into a military alliance with the Axis have again been brought home most forcibly.

As though the swing of feeling in the United States was not enough, Italy and Germany have taken action in Europe, in invading Greece, at once setting Japan the need for anxious enquiries as to how deeply events may involve her against her will.

Turkey and Soviet may be next in the field of battle, for the indications are plain for all to see that Greece is intended merely as a stepping-stone for further action, including seizure of command of the Straits. Japan, therefore, may be called on to meet her obligations, in spite of the fact that the Axis did not consult her before pursuing a policy provoking opposition.

At the same time, Japan is compelled to consider the situation from the Pacific angle, and sees nothing to encourage a hasty decision, to say the least.

Japan's entry into the Axis partnership was, in fact, from Britain's point of view, the most useful blunder Japan has ever made in extending the scope of its aggressions. Until Ribbentrop's little coup of a couple of months ago, the United States—and other nations—were asleep.

They slept while Japan scuttled the last vestiges of its restoration-born liberalism. They slept while Germany set fire to the literature and the constitution of the Weimar Republic. They slept while Italy defined civilisation in terms of the bombing of an almost defenceless people.

And amid these slumbers, the United States dreamed of isolation.

Those dreams were rudely interrupted by the collapse of France and the increasing demands on the British fleet in the Atlantic and Mediterranean, trusting upon the United States the full burden of naval diplomacy in the Pacific. And Japan, signing an agreement patently directed against America, swept away whatever lingering misconceptions may have existed over the extent to which the dicta-

---and they're finding Londoners too tough

Hitler is trying to make London into a hell for its inhabitants. He has succeeded in making it into a hellscape of hatred for himself. Londoners are too tough for the conqueror of Czechoslovakia, Poland, Denmark, Norway, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg and France.

To-day, after touring hours by daylight and hours by night throughout the City, during raids which formed part of the heaviest assault ever perpetrated upon any city except Rotterdam, it is the considered opinion of this observer that no people ever stood up better under cruel punishment, that they will never surrender to mere pain and terror, and that Hitler will not achieve either of his two possible objectives—which are first, through killing and maiming the population, so to intimidate them as to bring a mass demand for peace at any price; second, through dislocation of communications, railroads, docks and public utilities, to starve and demoralise the people and the armed Services until invasion can be attempted.

Returning last night from a two-day cruise with the Royal Navy brought the impression that the present giant air offensive is indeed the prelude to invasion.

It is thought most probable they may be planning soon to try to capture London, directly or indirectly, by trying to come up the Thames estuary as well as by attacking points right and left of the river mouth, with the intention of surrounding the City. In the words of an authority well qualified to know, "I hope to God he does try."

First-hand observation of British naval, military and air defences against such attack leads neutral observers to agree that it is almost certain to fail.

A four-hour trip by railroad throughout blacked-out England in the midst of the most furious air raids taught me that British resilience is not confined to London alone. It also taught me that this line at any rate is undamaged and is operating normally.

The moment we entered the alert area every light in the train was put out, but the huge engine pulling our crack express continued to feel its way at a fair speed into the terminal station of London.

Immensely significant that at midnight, on the fourth night of the most savage air raids, it was possible to find a taxicab within three minutes. More significant that a driver was willing to take a fare anywhere one liked.

When daylight came I started out again, and drove possibly thirty miles through the hardest-hit districts and summed up: London is still not as bad as Rotterdam, where 20,000 were killed by the Luftwaffe in twenty minutes. But it has now suffered worse than any other city in my experience, in Spain, China, Abyssinia, and France.

If placed in a continuous row, the destroyed houses—90 per cent, working class—would stretch for miles.

But during hours of visiting damaged districts I saw only one injured objective which could be considered military.

Standing in the midst of the ruins of their homes and places

tors would go to realise their ambitions.

Japan has made certain that American opinion will support whatever steps become necessary to safeguard the United States from the now too-familiar tragedy of letting the aggressor strike first.

of business Londoners gave the best evidence that Hitler is failing in his task of terror. "Our windows are broken, but our

H. R. Knickerbocker

famous U. S. Journalist now in London sent this story to American papers

spirit is not," was the inscription on a semi-wrecked clothing store.

Past us drove a truck filled with refugee children smiling. Other trucks laden with furniture, mat-

tresses, and baby buggies, piled household goods, reminded me painfully of the French roads last May and June. But here they are not running away, they are only moving out until they straighten up.

London has not got the faintest idea that Britain might fail. Yet the tragedy of this furious attack on civilians can hardly be exaggerated.

Finally I reached a hall where upwards of 500 refugee men, women, and children were imprisoned in the ruins, from which only about 100 were extricated, all dead but one. A fresh air raid signal sounded as I approached this colossal mortuary.

Every one but rescuers had taken shelter. In this district shelter caves are the only inhabitable places left. For blocks around there is nothing but rubble.

Stumbling about in the midst of these gruesome ruins my foot struck a tattered kindergarten school book darkly stained. I read "Many, many years ago men lived in caves. Men found caves very uncomfortable. They learned to build houses. Tell what your house is like."

I looked about me. Now for the first time in thousands of years in this era of Hitler's Luftwaffe men have at last returned to their original dwellings.

The Air Attack On London

Mass attacks on the London Docks caused great damage but none that seriously affects food or other supplies. Nor does it mean that the docks have ceased to work, as is proved by the passage of convoys through the Straits of Dover since the attack started.

The dock area is admittedly a legitimate target, and it has always been realised that the adjoining working-class district would inevitably suffer.

The district has suffered more than it need have owing to the unwillingness of the Germans to fly low enough for accurate bombing.

The casualties caused, though very distressing, are, on the whole, surprisingly small and casualties in the future are likely to become less, as the evacuation of families takes place.

The effect on morale has been mainly to cause anger, and neu-

tral observers have recorded that there has not been the least sign of panic.

Some effect on morale at the first onslaught might have been expected, for experience has shown that it is the early casualty lists which produce the greatest shock.

Germany Cuts Losses

The price the enemy has paid in daylight mass raids was, as they have admitted, extremely heavy. Since then, they have adopted a new technique, using successive raids in small numbers, mainly by night, to reduce losses.

They no longer confine themselves to the dock area or to legitimate military targets but bomb the whole of London indiscriminately.

This technique definitely implies an attack on the morale of the nation and an attempt to in-

duce public opinion to bring pressure on the Government to abandon the raids on Germany.

Indiscriminate attacks are a sign that Germany is in trouble, for it has always been expected that she would not resort to them except as a last desperate expedient.

Raids On Germany

The constantly increasing weight of R.A.F. raids on Germany, although confined to military targets, has undoubtedly caused their adoption. There is no fear that pressure will be applied to reduce their scale or that the Government would yield to it if any section of the public demanded their cessation. There is more fear that the public may demand indiscriminate reprisals with consequent diversion of attacks from more important military targets.

If anything were needed to arouse American sympathy still further, indiscriminate bombing of London has supplied it.

The Invasion Threat

Meantime, German transport and barges in Channel and North Sea ports are constantly attacked by the R.A.F.

In Britain preparation to meet attacks daily become more complete, and weather conditions at this season are unlikely to become more favourable.

If invasion on the grand scale is to be attempted it cannot be much longer delayed. The Germans are reported to have glider troop-carriers in readiness, but it is unlikely they will be used unless there is a prospect of support by sea-borne troops.

In any case, their prospects of achieving much in a country prepared to deal with them are small.

If invasion is not attempted, a purely air attack may be prolonged, and winter nights tend to facilitate indiscriminate attacks.

Our raids into Germany and Italy will, however, be able to penetrate still further during long nights, and the great superiority of the R.A.F. in night navigation confers immense advantages.

The main problem prolonged air warfare presents is the prevention of interruption of munition production during the periods of raid warnings. This problem is being gallantly faced by all sections of workers.

The Mediterranean Route

One of the most encouraging features of the present situation is the domination of the Mediterranean by the Navy. It is safer for British convoys to traverse the whole length from Gibraltar to Egypt than it is for Italian transports to make the short passage from Italy to Libya.

The power of reinforcing in the Middle East from Britain relieves anxiety that might otherwise be felt about the Middle East situation. It opens the prospect too of a recovery of the initiative for offensive action.

In the air war, it is a welcome sign of growing strength that Polish, Czech, and other Allied airmen are gathering laurels as freely as their British and Dominion comrades.

The Spirit Of Britain

This is being written in the midst of one of the heaviest air bombardments that London has yet experienced. Eight million Londoners, except the very deaf, the very deeply sheltered, and those with plugs in their ears, are hearing this shattering din—the crackly burst of the anti-aircraft guns, the flat thud of their exploding shells, the high whine of the falling bombs, the deep roar and crash as they burst. Some of those eight millions are rather frightened. We are not all men of iron. But not a British heart quails or thinks of compromise

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with the enemy who has brought this terror. Fears are mastered and resolution hardened.

They call this the spirit of London. Nor will anyone who loves this great and ancient city grudge the Londoner his special bread of praise for fortitude and good humour. But the spirit of London is part of the spirit of Britain, and the spirit of Britain is part of the spirit of all free men.

They Give All To Save Freedom

Out on the streets of the Empire's capital are air-raid wardens, stretcher-bearers, auxiliary firemen, demolition squads, ambulance drivers, men and women every one of whom has volunteered for a dangerous job in the service of his fellows and the defence of his country. They do their jobs with courage and grit, not driven by fanaticism nor coerced by discipline, but moved by the spirit of free men who will give all to save freedom for themselves, their neighbours, and their sons.

But it is not only in the work of these volunteers, and of the policemen, firemen, nurses and other professional members of the civil defence forces, that the spirit of free men is displayed. The same spirit is breathed by the whole reaction of the people. Here are

no automata, but men with minds of their own. The Englishman's right to grumble is one of his most precious legacies from the fight that his ancestors fought for freedom. The practice of the British people in grumbling stood them in good stead when the bombs fell. It was just something fresh to grumble at.

They were not ignorant of the dangers of air raids or the strength of the enemy. Their rulers had not fed them with lying boasts that the defences of London were impenetrable, or the enemy already at the point of submission. The horror from the skies did not mean a violent breach of faith between themselves and those in authority over them.

Contrast the German people, numb, voiceless and stuffed with lies. What resilience of spirit, what growing sense of comradeship, could be expected of them when the R.A.F. began to hammer nightly at their docks, their factories and railways? They had been told that Berlin would never be bombed. When Berlin is bombed night after night, their confidence in their leaders is gravely shaken, and if that confidence cracks, what have they to fall back on? Certainly not the faith of free men in an ideal that cannot be destroyed.

The Fresh Air Of Britain

When the R.A.F. bomb their targets in Germany, the effect on civilian morale is like puncturing an oxygen tent. The inmate, with his artificial respiration impaired, inexorably perishes. But the people of Britain are surrounded by no such artificial atmosphere. When they in turn take their peep-er, they may be wounded, but wounds heal, and shields can be found against the worst injuries. They are not deprived of the fresh air that they breathe.

These are profoundly important facts. They may be decisive in determining how soon the war will be won.

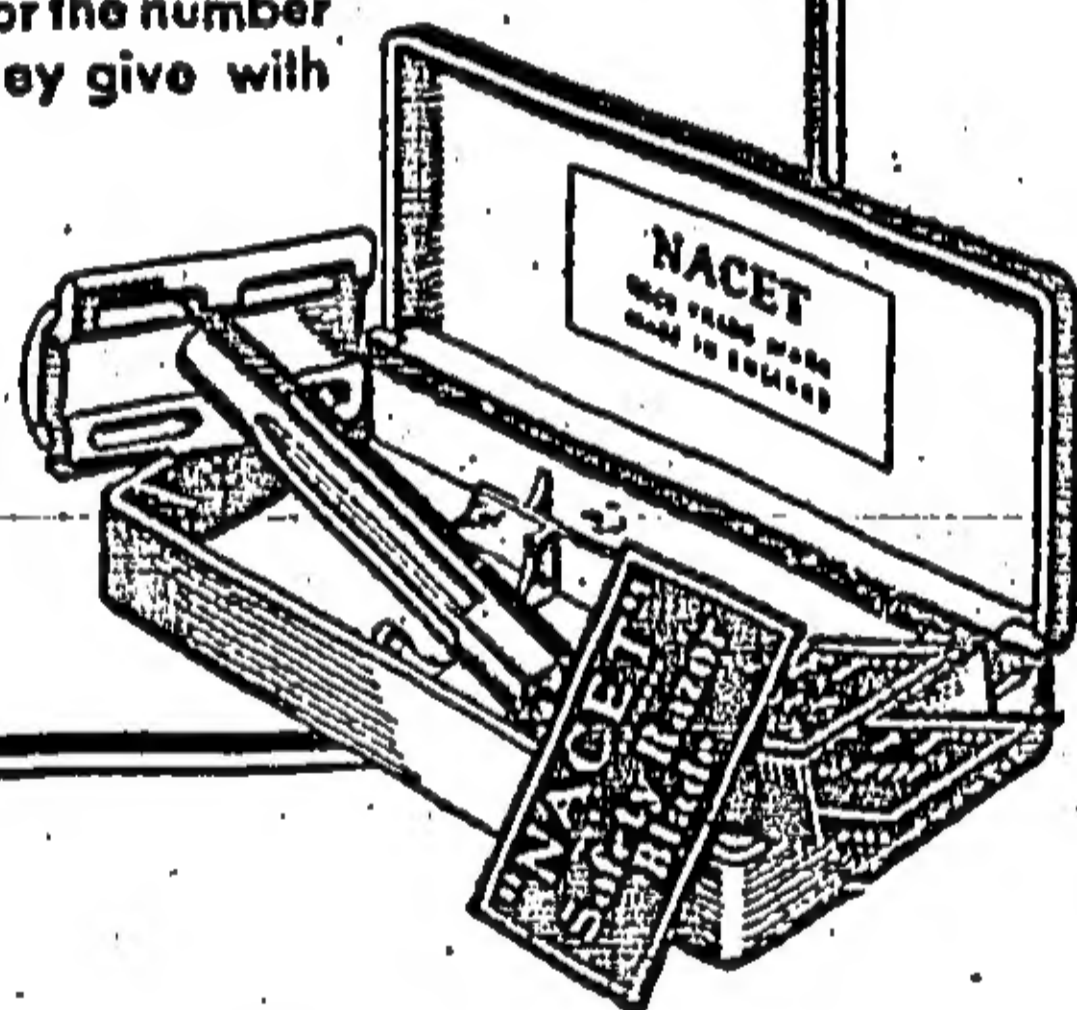


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BOMB CHIPS A LUMP OFF HERR HITLER

It takes a German sense of humour to bomb a waxworks, writes a London reporter. The irony of walking round Madame Tussaud's looking at headless and twisted waxworks gave me the only, rather numb, laugh of this grim week.

A very heavy bomb hit the cinema and shattered two of the galleries at the back. In one gallery models were heaped around the floor in agonising and painful positions.

It was the Hall of Tableaux, and the only things that had survived were the signing of the Magna Carta, tucked away in a safe corner, and the knights in armour setting out for the Crusade.

It was a macabre joke, stepping over wax arms and torn wax torsos.

Naturally I had hoped Hitler was broken, but little had happened to that gang. The head boy himself had slipped to one side and chipped a lump out of his face. Goering's pretty uniform was covered in soot and broken glass, and limping Goebbels had shuddered to one side.

Kings And Queens

There they stood, dirty and chipped, heeling over the ruins. The Hall of Kings and Queens had survived well.

In the centre was that majestic figure of Victoria, intact and firm, though her veil had blown over her face. Through the veil was a fine, "We are not amused" expression, and I gave service to her by straightening her veil and dusting glass out of her lap and making her comfortable again.

There had been a slight accident to the Cabinet, though Churchill stood as firm as a rock, his glassy blue eyes sternly supervising the clearing of the wreckage. One or two of the minor members had slipped with concussion.

The naval tableau had suffered a little.

Earl Beatty's nose was broken off and Nelson had fallen, but survived. Napoleon was beautifully shattered, and I picked up pieces of Caesar's laurels blown right across the hall.

The grimmest thing of all was poor Mary Queen of Scots. She had suffered.

She left her head on the executioner's block, but her kneeling figure had blown into the gangway. I rather think she deliberately committed this suicide to save the executioner the painful job of bringing down the axe that had been poised over her pretty wax neck for so many years.

Cavalier Survived

Flying glass had cut into many of the wax figures, and I am afraid Cromwell's Roundheads looked like pin-cushions.

They had for so many years been mutely questioning a cavalier who now stood intact among their fallen bodies.

Walking through all this waxed history it was impossible not to piece together some of the damage and find significance in the survivals.

It was good to see Queen Mary, regal and undamaged, to see the imperious gesture of Queen Elizabeth of England still ordering the end of the Spanish Armada, though her coronet of jewels was a little cockeyed.

The main halls were intact, though many of the lovely costumes were covered with a quantity of dust, glass and rubble.

And just as a final touch to this collection of iron there was the smashed cinema, still with a board outside advertising—"Night Train to Munich."

It was a nice touch to a grim day, though it takes perverted reasoning to find the military significance in this game of waxworks.

DANGER OF DRIVE TO THE EAST

Lord Lloyd, Secretary of State for Colonies, declared in a speech at Glasgow that Britons must "have no illusions as to the danger of the threat" from German Dictator Adolf Hitler's drive to the east.

The secretary declared that "if the Italians, aided by German air power, were to succeed our control of the Mediterranean would be gone and with it the fate of our Balkan friends and allies."

Lord Lloyd asserted that Britain "feels the loss of France most" in connection with the situation in Italian Libya. He said that Italian Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, governor-general of Libya, "has plenty of difficulties" ahead and that the day "when we can take the offensive approaches steadily."

GOEBBELS' YOUNG LADIES

FIFTEEN HUNDRED GERMAN PROSTITUTES WERE SHIPPED TO PARIS TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED ARM-IN-ARM WITH NAZI SOLDIERS.

Details of this Goebbels propaganda stunt have been exposed in New York by Pierre Lazereff, former editor-in-chief of the "Paris Soir."

Drawing attention to pictures said to be showing Paris women giving a "friendly and enthusiastic reception" to their Nazi liberators, Lazereff said: "We have received proof that when French girls refused to pose with the Nazis for propaganda pictures, Goebbels rushed fifteen hundred German prostitutes to Paris to pose in their place."

SILENCE ROOMS TO BEAT RAIDS

Sound-proof bedrooms may soon become popular in London, where the wailing of air-raid sirens is preventing thousands from sleeping.

A South London builder told a reporter that his firm has received inquiries about the possibility of sound-proof bedrooms.

A reporter questioned a number of people on the subject, and most are in favour of such rooms.

The partner in a City firm of printers said:

"Sound-proof bedrooms is an ideal way of helping the business man to beat Hitler."

Italy Looks At The War

HARDSHIP "WITHOUT END"

Travellers just returned from Italy give a vivid picture to-day of life there. They agree that there is no enthusiasm for the war, except in special cases, among Italians over thirty years of age.

Again and again you hear the significant words: "This is Germany's war."

The Italians expected Hitler to carry out quickly the promised invasion of England. Because Britain is more than holding out they say the sacrifices demanded to them stretch ahead seemingly without end.

There is a serious shortage of food. Although starvation is some way off, malnutrition is to be immediately reckoned with.

Even in the first-class hotels of Trieste and Genoa full food rations cannot be obtained. Because the British blockade has cut off imports of Argentine wheat, spaghetti, the staple diet, is now of the poorest quality and is difficult to get in the cities.

Butter, eggs and milk are nearly impossible to buy.

The coffee urn burns in mockery on the zinc or marble bars of tens of thousands of cafes. Only third-rate coffee substitutes are produced.

Diplomats Go Without

Foreign diplomats, too, are unable to buy enough for themselves and their families.

Raids by the R. A. F. have brought havoc to Turin, Milan, Genoa and Modena, but the extent of the damage is concealed in official secrecy.

In all these towns the people are angry and disillusioned. This kind of attack was not popularly envisaged as part of the Axis bargain. There are no suitable air-raid shelters, and only recently has A. R. P. information been given out.

Passengers in the Greek steamer Attiki recently held up at Messina (Sicily) tell a story tinged with pathos. The port authorities there, after seizing the cargo, filed through the ship's galley, the pantries and the dining-room "looking for something for their families."

They helped themselves to food that was lying about, even pieces of bread.

Afterwards some officials searched the passengers for cigarettes.

From the Italian-owned Aegean Islands came even more forlorn stories. The Greek inhabitants are facing starvation. Their Italian masters have been obliged to commandeer all fruit shops and dole out the diminishing stocks.

The only traffic possible with the outside world is by means of fishing smacks, which scurry out by night to neighbouring Greek islands.

WARDEN BILL MIDWIFE IN BOMB CHAOS

As bombs burst all round, the windows of a little house blew in and the roof collapsed, a young air raid warden acted as midwife to a mother in the East London raids. A thirteen-year-old boy acted as nurse.

Without a light to see by, the warden, Bill Watson, who is unmarried, brought the baby girl into the world.

The boy, Richard Hannaway, ran to the nearest horse trough for water, which was boiled to wash the baby in.

The mother, dark-haired Mrs. R. Foster, lay on her bed surrounded by shattered glass as Warden Bill attended her.

At the same time a heavy bomb crashed across the road — about eighty yards away — and blew the roof from the house.

Now mother and child are both doing well and a few hours after the ordeal, Bill, who had had a wash and brush up, went along to visit them.

Thirteen-year-old Richard was busy, too. He was fetching and carrying buckets of water from the nearby horse-trough for neighbours.

"I've never done anything like this before," Warden Bill told a reporter, "but there wasn't time to hesitate.

"The bed was covered with glass. Mrs. Foster was lying in it and I was worried to death that it might cut her or the baby.

"I rushed to the house when I was told that Mrs. Foster had been taken ill. There was no light, and I could hardly see. When I heard the baby crying, I knew it was all right."

Richard, standing proudly by, said:

"Mum says storks bring babies, but I didn't see no stork, and I knew it was urgent, Mrs. Foster looked so ill."

He's Uncle Bill

Mrs. Foster, who was waiting for an ambulance to take her to hospital, said:

"The warden — Uncle Bill the kids all call him — was wonderful. My husband is also an A.R.P. worker, too. He didn't think baby would be born so soon and he dashed out to help when the bombs started dropping. It was a surprise to him when he got home."

"If it hadn't been for the warden I don't suppose we'd have had a baby now."

"I hope the hospital people come and fetch me soon as it is very draughty here with no windows and no roof."

Mrs. Foster was lying in a room on the ground floor.

200 MILES IN 20-FOOT BOAT

Two Norwegians have reached a north-east of Scotland port after a daring crossing of the North Sea in a 20-foot motor boat. They made the 200-mile voyage in 51 hours. On leaving the Norwegians had some difficulty in avoiding patrol boats along the coast of Norway, but afterwards the journey was uneventful. Eight miles from the Scottish coast they were seen by a trawler and escorted to port.

LOYALISTS TO DIE

Five men who were prominent in the defeated Republican government of Spain, were sentenced to death in Madrid by a court martial. Those who were told they must pay the supreme penalty are: Cipriano Rivas Cherif, noted author, and brother-in-law of Manuel Azana, former president; Julian Zugazagotia, a member of the Republican cabinet; Antonio Cruz Salido, once under-secretary of war; Miguel Salvador, minister of government at the outbreak of the civil war; and Antonio Montilla, Socialist deputy and a diplomat under the republic.

HITLER SACKS AN ARMY PRINCE

Prince Aschwin Zur Lippe-Biesterfeld, brother of Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, has been expelled from the German Army by the special order of Adolf Hitler.

He has been put under domiciliary arrest at the family castle near Bomst, in Silesia.

None of his friends is allowed to see him — even if the friend dared to incur the suspicion of the Gestapo by doing so. The motive for Hitler's order is his fury with Prince Bernhard, who, though born a German, has not in Nazi fashion betrayed the oath of loyalty to Holland which he swore when he became naturalised before his marriage to Princess Juliana.

Under Hitler's direct orders a flood of scurrilous newspaper attacks was let loose against Prince Bernhard both in Germany and in the German Controlled Press. Now Hitler, unable to get at Prince Bernhard himself, has tried to punish his brother.

He has degraded and put under arrest an officer who, for his heroism as a lieutenant of motorised shock troops, during the Polish campaign, was decorated with the Iron Cross.

BALLOON BARRAGE DOUBLED

Dive-Bombing Attacks Frustrated

In England, as earlier in France, the balloon barrage is proving its worth. In neither country has an enemy dive-bombing attack ever been made within an area protected by balloons, nor have the Germans ever succeeded in breaking the combination of balloon barrage and anti-aircraft fire.

The balloons have done precisely what they were expected to do. The fact that they have brought down a number of aircraft is merely incidental. The object of the barrage is to keep the enemy machines at a height at which they can be attacked by the A.A. guns and R.A.F. fighters and to prevent dive-bombing. High-level bombing is not, of course, their concern.

The frequency of the German fighter attacks of late on our balloon barrages shows what the Germans think of them. Although many balloons have been shot down, a sufficient number to leave the way clear for the dive-bombers has never been destroyed. Week by week, more balloons are now being employed. Since the start of the war the numbers of the barrage, both in balloons and personnel, have been doubled.

HIS PRIZE HOME

A 45-year-old soldier, Mr. Robert Read, did not like the way people looked after his three-roomed flat in Bedford Street, Brighton.

So every morning, whistling while he works, he polishes the windows and the brass.

In the evening he goes dancing, or dismantles his radio to improve the set.

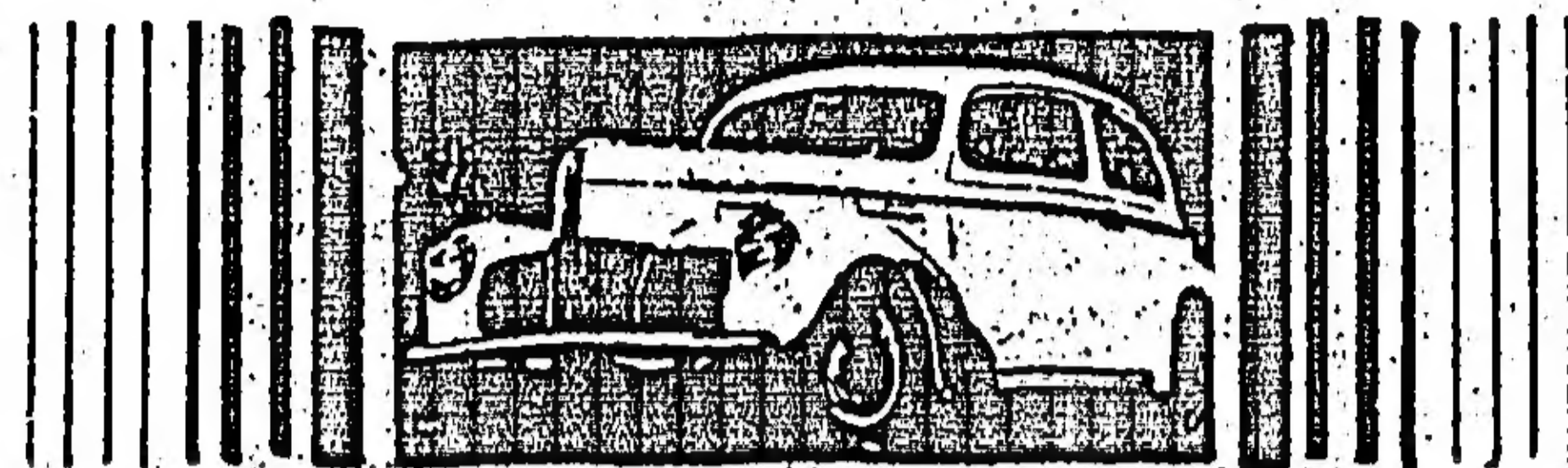
"He is better than any woman at housework," his landlady said. "He's an amazing man."

Yet the only person who cannot see this "prize home" is Mr. Read. He's blind.

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BRIDGE NOTES

By The Four Aces

Bridge Swindles—No. 11

Some swindles are more or less the result of accidents. The gay deceiver simply makes it possible for the opponents to make a mistake, even though he may not clearly see what mistake is possible. For example:

North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ Q 8 3 2
♥ A 4
♦ K Q J 9
♣ A Q 5

♠ 7 4
♥ K 6 3
♦ 8 5 3 2
♣ J 10 9 6

West
N
E
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♠ A 5
♥ J 8 5
♦ A 10 7 4
♣ K 8 4 2

♠ K J 10 9 6
♥ Q 10 9 7 2
♦ 6
♣ 7 3

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the Jack of clubs, and when the finesse of the club Queen lost to East's King, South realised that he had to hope for a swindle.

East returned a club, and dummy won with the Ace. The trump Ace was next knocked out, and East's club return was ruffed by South. After drawing the adverse trumps, South led a diamond, dummy putting up the King, and East winning with the Ace.

At this point, East found himself in what seemed to be a difficult situation. Both dummy and South were void of clubs, and a diamond lead would allow dummy to make an undeserved trick with the nine of diamonds. Apparently only a heart lead was safe. Fortunately for South, he guessed right by playing the heart nine rather than the Queen; and the rest was easy, since West's King was trapped.

East thought he was caught in a true end-play, but it was really only a swindle since a diamond return was perfectly safe. East knew that South had started with five trumps and two clubs; hence with six red cards. Allowing dummy to make three diamond tricks would still leave South with a loser in hearts.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q J 10 7 5
♥ 9 6
♦ K 5 3
♣ 8 4 2

The bidding:

Maier	Jacoby	You	Schenken
1♥	Dbl.	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid one spade or pass, depending on partner and opponents. There is no 100% bid in this situation, but one spade is best with a fine partner against sensible opponents. Erratic opponents may bid four spades if you pass; and an erratic partner may land you in trouble if you bid one spade. So in a "spotty" game, a pass is better than a bid of one spade.

Score 80% for one spade, 80% for pass, 0 for any other bid.

Question No 551

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you hold:

♠ K J 9 5
♥ 8
♦ Q J 10 7
♣ A Q 9 6

The bidding:

Burnstone	Maier	You	Jacoby
1♥	Dbl.	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer Tomorrow)

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SUDETEN GERMANS IN CANADA

A few miles from Edmonton, Alberta, just over the British Columbia border in the Peace River section, approximately 500 Sudeten German settlers have found their key to happiness.

The colony, now almost two years of age, has proved successful, a recent visit disclosed.

Not quite two years ago they were a German minority wedged in between a belligerent Germany and an equally resolved Czechoslovakia—the focal point of one of the world's largest crises.

But to-day that is all in the back-ground. They did not care for the Nazi rule when the Sudetenland was awarded to Germany. They left their homes for Canada. And to-day their main worries are whether it will be an early spring for planting, or whether the price of livestock will go up.

They are of German extraction, they speak German and they have many German habits of life, yet they will tell you they sincerely hope the Nazis are beaten in the war now raging far from their new homeland at Tupper Creek, British Columbia.

Dates Of arrival

The first party of Sudeten folk, 25 families, arrived in April, 1938, under a scheme of assisted migration approved to by the British Government. They had been in refugee camps in England and eagerly agreed to the plan of settlement in Canada. By August all the colony were settled in the Peace River block, 153 families and 35 single men. There were a few Jewish people in the number.

The first summer these sturdy Sudeten families—few of them had had previous agricultural experience—managed to sow 690 acres of crops and during the summer 1,400 acres were cleared, three tractors being kept chugging along night and day.

This year 2,600 acres were seeded and most of this will be harvested as feed crops for livestock—being stressed rather than commercial grain production. Up in the Peace River country frost comes early and then it would cost excessively in freight to get wheat to the Edmonton market, 475 miles away.

The colony has its own sawmill which supplies the material for the houses and other buildings. Most of the foundation work has been done cooperatively with the communal spirit prevailing to

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a high degree. New families are gradually being located on their individual farm units. When each family "breaks off" it is given an allotment of livestock, and at once they go to work to build up their home place.

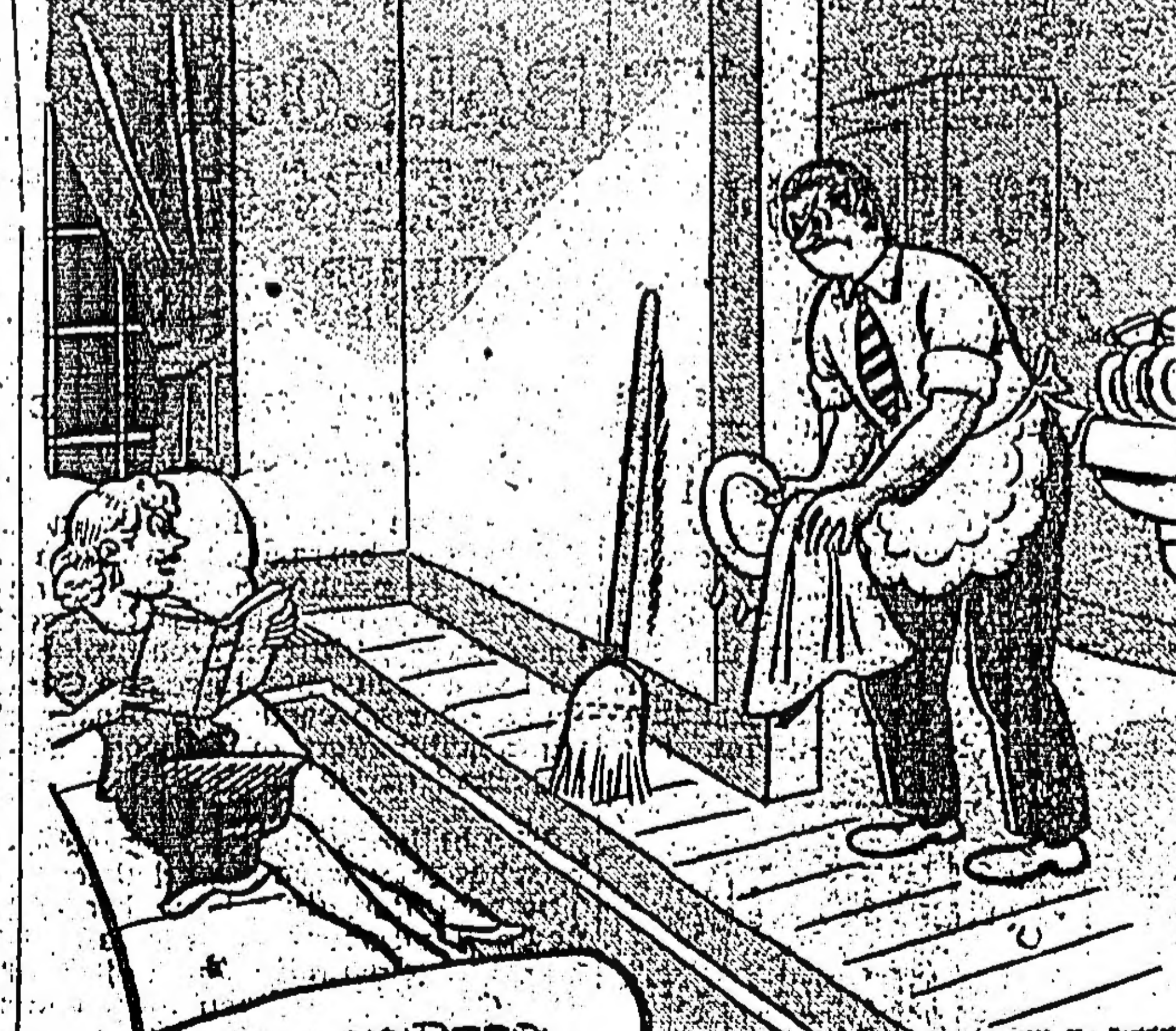
Assorted Group

It was a motley group, that colony from the Sudeten country. There were professional men, artisans, factory hands, toy makers, cabinet makers, blacksmiths, accountants and others. They found the manual labour in Canada's northern hinterland hard and the country wild. It was new country. But they did not complain; they smiled and worked the harder.

Their district is served by the Alberta Northern Railways with Pouce Coupe 12 miles away. They have schools with the English language stressed, but the regular British Columbia school curriculum is followed. One of the teachers, Miss Lydia Hlinka, a graduate of the University of Alberta, was born in Sudetenland although coming to Canada at the age of six. Night school is provided for adults. Native Czech handicrafts are being continued, with the products of these skilled workers much in demand. Mrs. Wilhelm Wanka, a former student at the University of Prague, makes European costume dolls; others do handsome basketry.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.

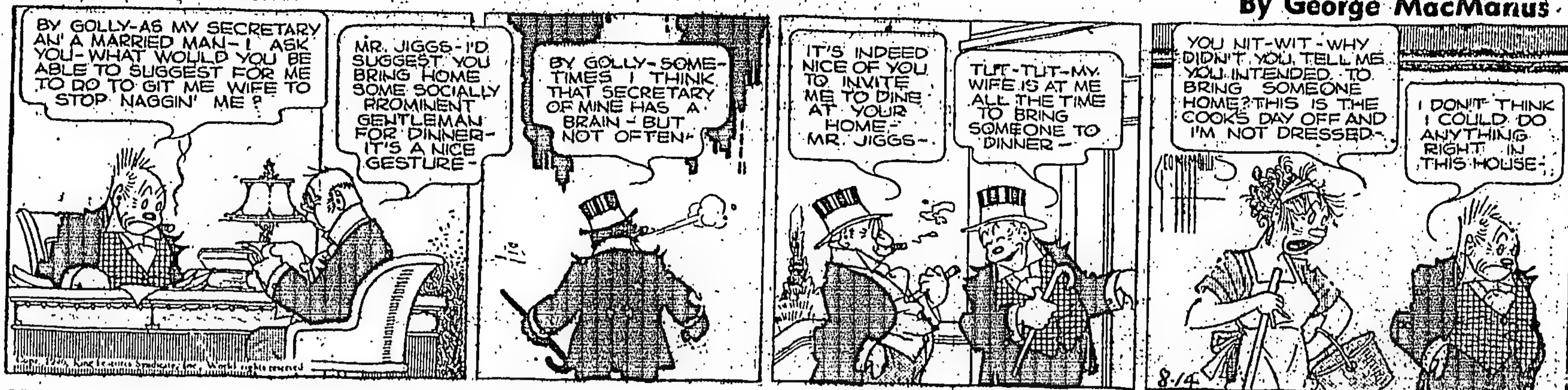


"But, Dear! You said yourself you didn't want me to work after we were married!"

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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

A Change ANY GIRL CAN BE A GOOD COOK...

Those who make studies of women, to learn how we tick and why we so tick, and why we grow ill more frequently than we should, and why premature old age shows its uninteresting head pretty generally among us, warn that women get mental doldrums which raise havoc with our entire systems. And a sure cure for mental doldrums is a change from our usual duties.

If you feel so very tired, a good part of the time, that is sufficient warning that you should try to get a rest and a change. I'd like to tell you to take a cruise and pack a very beautifying wardrobe, but I know the majority of women simply cannot afford such a change. And in Hong Kong you might not get back! So take the change your circumstances offer—but make it!

It is so easy for women to keep putting off a holiday. "Oh I'm pretty comfortable." But are you peppy and cheerful and optimistic and happy? That is the test. You know, life isn't worth living if we cannot keep optimistic. No one's life is a bed of roses—currently problems descend upon all of us. But if you can keep optimistic by getting an occasional change, to keep your strength up to par, life doesn't seem to be so tough after all. And just look around among your friends—would you change your life for anyone's you know? I'll bet you wouldn't. Hard as your life might be, it has its compensations and you are familiar with its problems. That familiarity makes it pretty precious to you, so you'll hang on to it!

Enjoy Preparing

If you have time on your hands why don't you begin to-day to get your old clothes in order for a holiday? And if you have much time on your hands (or can steal a bit from your regular routine) either make yourself a few new duds to freshen up your wardrobe, or go out bargain hunting and get a couple of things. That renovated wardrobe will convince you that you must go somewhere.

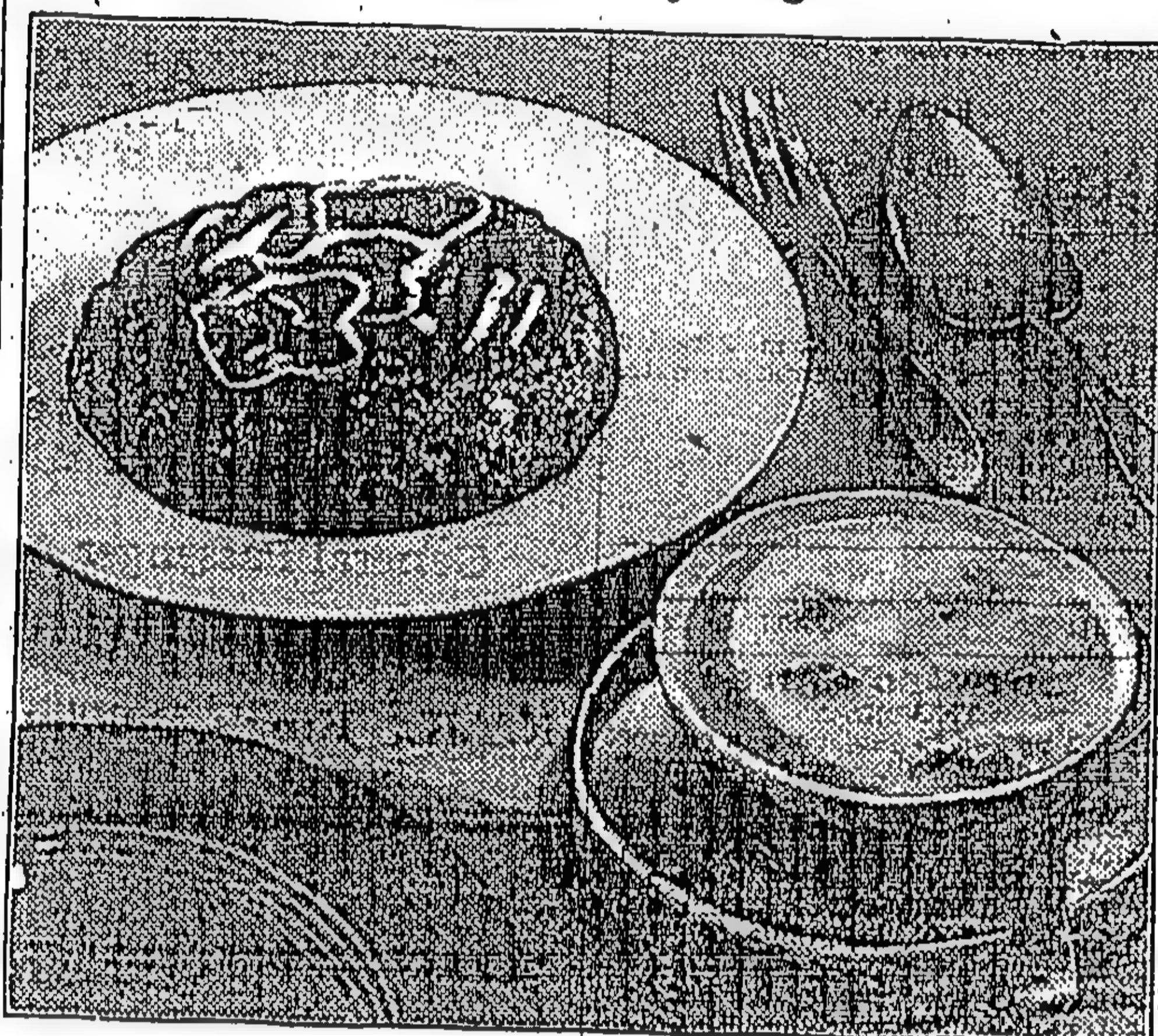
Wherever you go, visit with a fresh mind. Forget all the little duties you left behind. Keep out of doors as much as possible. I know a woman who spends a week each summer picking blueberries, carrying her lunch each day, and she returns home with jars of preserves, a healthy tan, and a new twinkle in her eyes! Funny how even a blueberry lot can be a holiday if we enter it in the right spirit!



Damo Fashion's fall story in pencil slim lines is a sad one for Dieting Diet.

you follow the recipe
and you come out right

declares Dorothy Greig



Grilled Chopped Spanish Steak with Mushroom Sauce—simple to make and delicious to eat.

GREAT GRANDMOTHER had hard going. Besides putting up with great grandfather, whooping Indians and cotton stockings, she had the recipes of her day to fret her soul.

Such blithe instructions as—"take six eggs and their equal weight in sugar" or "add enough milk to make a good batter" did little to insure the success of the dish in question.

Taking the inaccuracies out of recipes and putting exactness in did more, perhaps, than any other one thing to improve cooking and cooks.

Present day recipes list precise quantities down almost to the last grain of salt. Directions are so explicit there is little excuse for failure. Follow the recipe exactly and success is yours. "Exactly," however, means just that. No straying off into little side sallies of your own, if you please. Just be a good girl and believe what you read on the printed page.

For example, when you follow the recipes here, you will have a grilled meat dish with all the juices kept in, served with a delicious mushroom sauce. And the squash will have lovely flavor.

Grilled Chopped Spanish Steak with Mushroom Sauce
1 pound beef, ground
½ cup condensed cream of mushroom soup
1 cup soft bread crumbs
2 tablespoons cooked green pepper
2 tablespoons chopped pimiento
½ teaspoon salt
1 pinch pepper

Mix together the ground beef, cream of mushroom soup (just as it comes from the can), bread crumbs, green pepper, pimiento and seasonings. Shape into a steak about 7 inches in diameter and ¾ inch thick. Grill under the broiler 8-12 minutes. Garnish with green pepper rings. Serves 4-5.

Mushroom Sauce
½ cup condensed cream of mushroom soup
6 tablespoons milk
½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
Empty the cream of mushroom soup into a saucepan, mix well and then add the milk and Worcestershire sauce. Serve over the "Grilled Chopped Spanish Steak."

Savory Summer Squash
1½ quarts summer squash
1 can condensed consommé
1 tablespoon butter
Pinch of pepper
Peel the squash and cut each white disk-shaped squash into 6 or 8 pieces. Cook the squash in the boiling consommé for 10-20 minutes, covered. Then drain and cook down the remaining liquid until ¾ cup remains. Add butter, pepper and cooked squash and heat well to blend the flavor. Serves 4-5.

Unwritten Etiquette

If you play competitive games, you are quite aware of the written rules. When you take up your racket for tennis you know what is allowed in the game and what is not. But do you know the unwritten rules for all competitive games?

For instance, do you hog the only available court when others are waiting patiently to play a set? You shouldn't; you should give others a turn. The same rule holds good for any game or sports.

You should shower immediately after you finish and return to the group looking fresh and tidy. If there is no shower strip off your wet blouse or shirt and don a fresh one.

There is no denying that good grooming scores heavily. And one must keep fresh and tidy at all times with the exception of the hours when one is actually engaged in competition. Even then, you should begin play in fresh clothing and not excuse yourself by saying, "In no time at all my clothes will be wilted and soiled." Your play clothes may be simple but they should always be fresh. Good manners score heavily, too. Sports are meant to teach us consideration, tolerance, good fellowship and to be good losers as well as modest victors. So see that your good manners are on call after the game as well as during the game!

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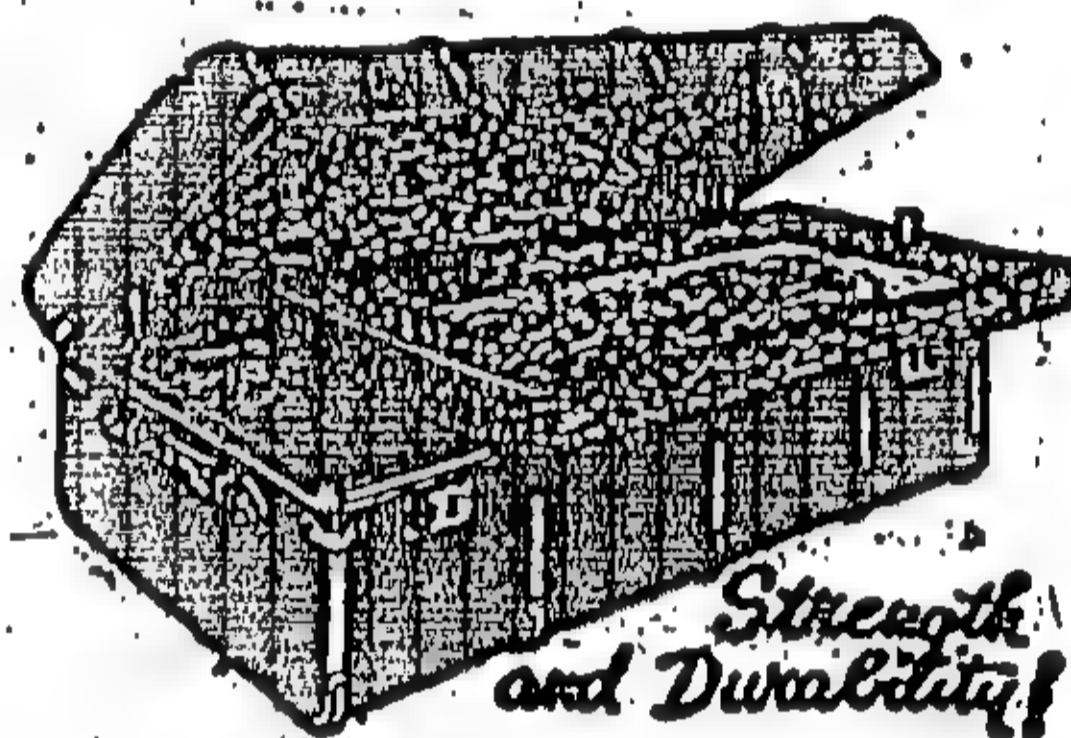
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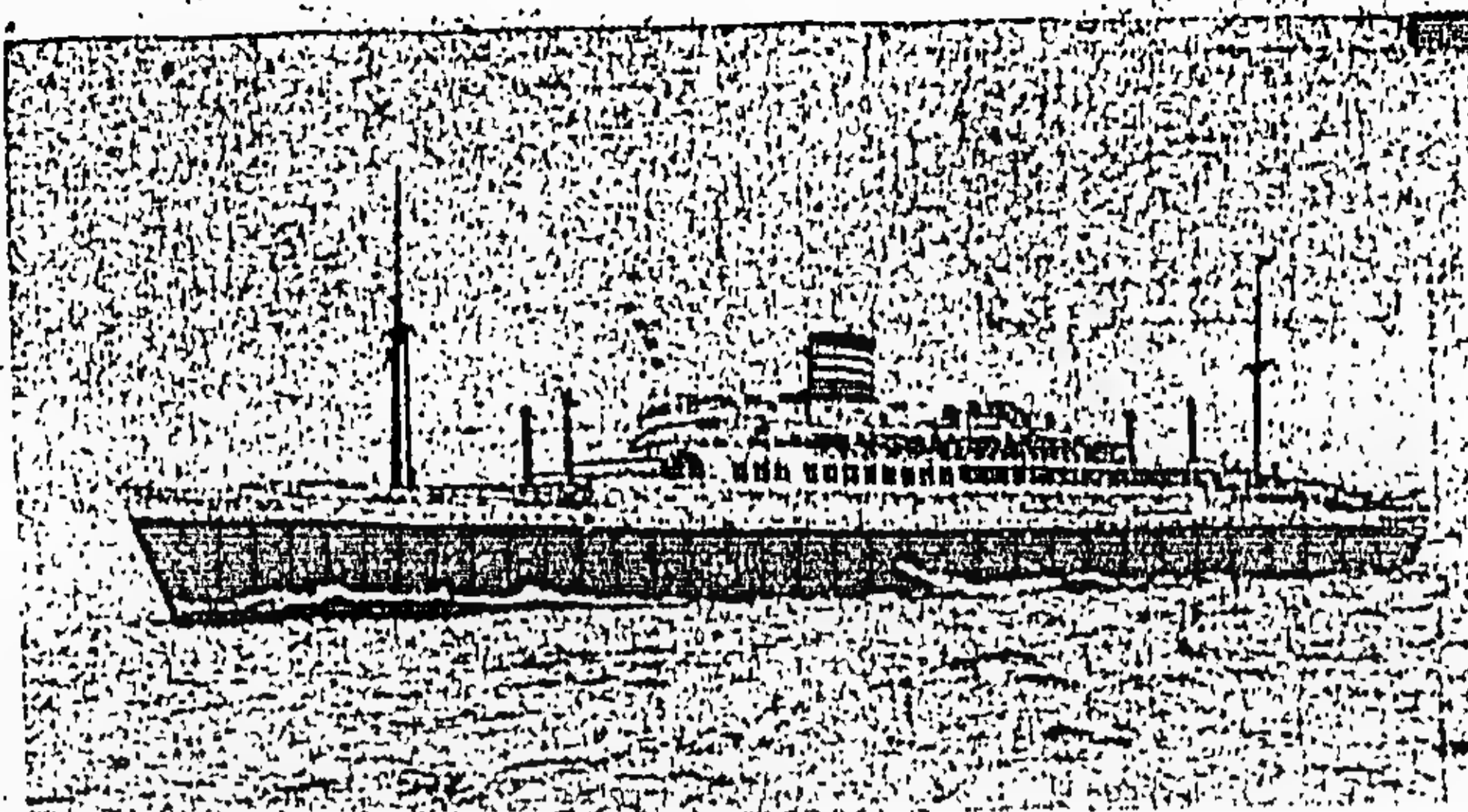
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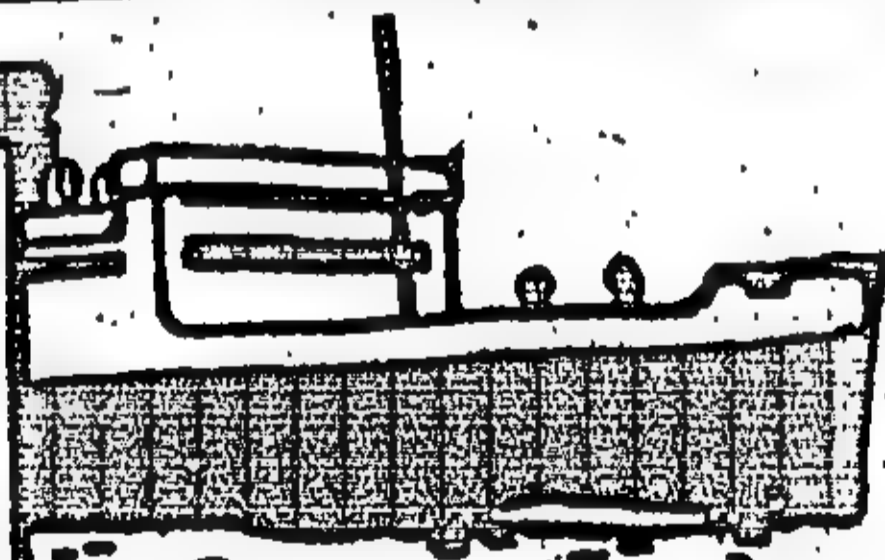
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When the Colonial Development and Welfare Act came to the House of Lords early in July after passage in the Commons Lord Lloyd, however, stated that there were special reasons for going ahead in the West Indies. And he proceeded to give an earnest of the Government's intention to extend social and economic standards

This is further evidenced by the fact that an Inspector-General of West Indian agriculture has been selected to work, along with the Welfare Comptroller, though there will apparently be no more appointments for some time to come to the staff of experts who are ultimately to work for the West Indies.

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PULLED OFF THE WEEK'S UPSET BY HUMBLING WAHOOS 7 RUNS TO 2.

Hurler Efegeenia Babida pitched swell ball, and limited the Green Shirted Owls to a four-hitter, backed by a revelation field, only two errors being chalked up against the Redbirds, which constitutes a new low for them.

A finger injury in the first frame put Marina Lavadia out of action, and Rosita Bagalawis had to take over catching duties to smack Wahoo slabster Jeanette Yolle's first offering for a round-tripper.

After this Wahoo setback, Cardinals knew they had their number, and, although they were retired in order in that inning, they lost no time in banging in two more markers on three safeties in the next stanza. For four frames Wahoos were blanked and could only boast a single by Yvonne Yolle, who was nabbed at third.

Connecting again in the fifth, Yvonne romped home for the first Wahoo tally on Rosita's wild heave. Cardinals stowed the game away in ice by replying with three markers on four blows in a row, after two were out.

The only sparkle in the Wahoos' nine-error fielding, was left-fielder Beebun Abbas' catch of Rosita's fly to deep centre, robbing her of a perfect 1,000 stickwork average in her four times up. Jackie Anderson homered for Wahoos in their last time up. It was a mighty wallop that didn't stop rolling till she touched all the bags.

Mound Weakness

In the second game of the Ladies' League, Reclero Ramblerettes trounced Chung Hwa Femmes in a 24 to 9 verdict. Nothing spectacular was shown by both sides, although a definite improvement over last week's farce was noticed in the Chung Hwa nine.

The Chinese squad are still suffering from hurling weakness. Frances "Zaza" Lee starting on the mound again but being derided in the first when she threatened to be over-liberal with transportation to first. Ella Chinn, taking over mound duties, was only slightly better and allowed 12 Ramblerette safeties.

Outstanding for the Chung Hwa team was gardener Nellie Siu, whose brilliant display drew rounds of vocal applause from the already bored spectators.

As usual, May Chung was the steady influence in the infield.

For Ramblerettes, Irene Mathias brought off the longest hit of the day, slashing a three-bagger to

the centre patch, but was nailed at the home plate in trying to stretch it into a round-tripper by Ella Chinn, who took the throw-in.

Cinny Remedios, guarding the second sack for Ramblerettes, made the only double killing of the tilt, unassisted, when she held Sally Wong's infield pop and nabbed "Zaza" Lee off second.

32-9 Riot

Faring no better than last week, when Pantherettes took them for a ride, the Florinhas were massacred by the heavy hitting Canuckettes in a 32-9 riot. Interest died after the first two innings, the only thing keeping the fans guessing was how many runs the Canuckettes would make.

The margin of victory would have been considerably lessened had the Florinhas showed more fight, evidenced by the number of runs let in on account of listless throwing-in after fielding.

To say that the Canuckettes sneaked a base would be a gross exaggeration, they didn't have to—they just strolled around them.

In the third frame the Florinhas started a rally which netted them eight runs, but did not follow up the advantage. With bases choked, Nydia Osmund slammed a two-bagger to clear the sacks.

The Little Flowers provided a fielding gem in the fifth, when Lily Silva pulled off a triple play, which nobody realised, by catching Rene Yuen's fly, getting Mary Louie off second and tagging Jean Lee coming down from first.

Cyclones Win

Opening the Men's Senior League schedule for the day, Canadian Chinese suffered their second defeat of the season, this time at the hands of the Cyclones, who triumphed over them by 9 to 5.

Herbie Quon, on the slab for Canucks, showed signs of a repetition of last Sunday's fiasco in the initial stages of the game, by walking no less than six Cyclones in the first to cost four runs, but in the second frame he steadied down and bugged in his fast ones, fanning six and limiting Cyclones to only three blows.

Johnny Delgado, assigned to catching duties, did not do so well and allowed the Cyclones to steal anything they could lay their hands on. Sherry Bux would have stolen his watch if he had had a chain. Pinly Pineda, feeling the rubber for Cyclones, held them to five hits, trusting to his fielders, and he had a certain amount of luck. A. K. Markar, holding the initial station, was definitely weak, committing no less than four bobbles. Fortunately only slight damage was done as the runners were left stranded on the sacks.

Manager "Sunburn" Omar, making his bow at the plate in the fourth, nearly broke his back reaching for Quon's first two teasers, and tied himself into a pretzel on his next flounder which seemed to him to be a cinch. Barnum must have been thinking of him when he said, "One is born every minute."

The score was knotted at 4-4 at the end of the fourth, but a

MACAO TRAINING TIMES

Following were Saturday's training times for Macao ponies on the sand track:

Black Diamond	43.1.22.1.57.	35
Colreux Bleu	55.1.37.2.14	37
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Fairy Auk	44.1.26.2.04.2.42.38	38
Fairy Ousel	40.1.18	38
Iron Knight	52.1.37.2.18	41
Mac's Adventure	42.1.20.1.55.2.39.34	41
Meadow Eve	42.1.18	38
National Anthem	53.1.40.2.20	40
National Triumph	53.1.39.2.17	3
Persian Cat	50.1.32.2.2.10	37.3
Rothsay Bay	40.1.19	39
Sports Venture	44.1.26.2.04.2.42.38	38
The Mermaid	50.1.32.2.2.08	35.3

TO-DAY'S CESAREWITCH

Following are the probable starters and jockeys for the Cesarewitch at Newmarket today: Cheerful Star (Perryman), Tutor (E. Smith), King Legend (D. Smith), Owens Town (Taylor), Belnearg (Nevett), Kepton (G. Thin), Flins (Harry Wragg), Hunters' Moon (Gordon Richards), Sir Roger (Mullins), Wayward Miss (Richardson), Snipe Week (Dick) and Solonaise (Robertson). Jockeys have not been obtained for the following: Spalshmist, Sir Pomm, Queen Of Shiraz, Little wood and Trimaroma.—Reuter.

passed ball by Delgado allowed Markar to trot home with a run to take the lead again. Four more runs in the sixth clinched the game for the Cyclones.

Indians Win Easily

Outfitting the Filipinos, Indians walked away with their first victory by a 10-4 decision. Every Indian accounted for a hit, except first-sacker Madeen Arcull. They fielded tightly, only being guilty of three bobbles, of which A. K. Omar had two chalked against him.

In the night-cap Saints went to town at the expense of Chinese Baseballers. Limiting them to only four scratch singles, Frankie "Bashful" Gonsalves, ace left-handed hurler for Saints, pitched his team to victory, supported by million dollar infield backing.

For five innings Chinese Baseballers couldn't get a runner on second, and only managed a marker in the sixth on two successive safeties, after Saints had decided to put in their substitutes. Their second and last run came in when Fisher scored on Manson's miff of Young's fly to short centre. Saints blasted twinner Tuffy Chinn all over the place and collected 17 safeties off him, of which both Dave and Stan Leonard accounted for three each in five trips to the platter, whilst "Ozo" Ozorio and Frankie Gonsalves were credited with two each. George "Strawberry" Souza, sure-hit lead off man, was most disappointing, batting five balls which were all snared in his five times at bat. "Tut! Tut! George."

The Chinese were expected to do better than to take the game as a lost cause, especially in the fourth, when every Saint scored a run except Souza and Poylawski.

In the lone tilt in Junior Division, Royal Scots defeated 8th R.A. Gunners by 18 to 4.

BETTING WITH THE TIDE AT RACES

I REMEMBER JOE SMITH ONCE TELLING ME THAT THE BLACKPOOL GROUND HAD OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS MOVED SOME FEET THROUGH THE ACTION OF THE TIDES. NOW HERE'S A STORY OF A RACECOURSE WHICH IS ALSO AFFECTED BY SEA INFLUENCES, WRITES A HOME CORRESPONDENT.

At Durban, where the big handicap carries the third richest prize-money in the Empire, lots of knowledgeable old punters don't make their bets until they've studied the tide chart.

Owing to the track being almost level with the sea, and also the prevalence of mud and sand on which Durban is built, a high spring tide will send the water seeping through to the course. Trainers say that when that happens the going is markedly heavier.

The race, worth about £6,000 to the winning owner, is the highlight of the winter season and attracts everybody to Durban from the Governor-General down.

Sir Abe Bailey used frequently to enter horses, and a liberal estimate of the betting throughout the Union centring on the race is about £1,000,000.

Incidentally, the Greyville track, over which the event is decided, runs round Royal Durban Club golf course. We are told that shorts putts have been known to circle the hole just after the "off."

AUSTRALIANS VISIT RACING STABLE

The love of Australians for a good horse is traditional. No doubt Mr. J. V. Rank, English flour millionaire, had this in mind when he issued an invitation to any members of the A.I.F. in Britain to visit his famous racing stables, Druid's Lodge, situated almost in the shadow of Stonehenge.

This was typical of the offers of hospitality which are being showered on Australian troops in Britain. Mr. Rank himself was unavoidably absent, but his trainer and manager, Mr. Cannon, took charge of the Australian party, which included Sergeant E. J. Pearce, and Sergeant J. D. Uren, both good judges of a good horse.

Racing is almost at a standstill in England and in consequence more than a hundred horses representing the bluest blood in the stud-book are eating their heads off in the stables. Amongst them are untied youngsters by such sires as Solario, Blandford, Rhodes Scholar, April the Fifth, and Hyperion. Other horses at present living a life of luxurious idleness include Southern Hero, Azam Pasha, Knight's Armour, Master Matty—half brother to Papyrus—and two horses by Bagpipe and Block Speck, by Black Watch from Punkah 3, an Australian dam.

The glamorous boy of the collection is "The Druid," half brother to Scottish Union, who for Mr. Rank won the St. Leger and other famous races. The Druid is known by the racing world as "Rank's Folly." Mr. Rank bought it the day after Scottish Union won a big race, hearing that a half brother was to be auctioned. Mr. Rank instructed his agent to purchase "The Druid," regardless of cost. The price paid was 13,000 guineas. Since then the Druid has won only one race, and is unlikely to have a chance to win any more.

The stables are magnificently constructed with lawns, private training tracks, and a swimming pool. The horseboxes are of solid oak and glitter with polished brass. The place originally belonged to Mr. P. A. Cunliffe, and there is an iron grille across the entrance to the stableboys' quarters which Cunliffe used to padlock when he wanted to prevent information of a projected coup leaking out.

The last thing I heard before the party left was Sergeant Pearce informing a groom that there was a horse in Australia called Ajax, which could also "Hobble around a bit."—KENNETH SLESSOR.

WORLD TITLE PRESENTED TO HIM

Peter Maher, one of the best of the old knuckle fighters, who died last month at Baltimore, was one of the two who were given world boxing titles by the reigning champions.

The other was Marvin Hart, who was presented by James J. Jeffries with the heavy-weight title when he retired.

After Maher had beaten Steve O'Donnell in one round at Maspeth, Long Island, on November 11, 1895, Jim Corbett jumped into the ring and, after congratulating Maher on his victory, resigned his title in favour of the Irishman.

Maher did not last long as champion. Little more than four months later he crashed against Bob Fitzsimmons, losing in one round on the banks of the Rio Grande.

Although not quite up to the top-notchers of his day, Maher claimed a six-round victory over Joe Choynski—the man who taught Jack Johnson how to box—and in his early days boxed an exhibition with Peter Jackson in his native Dublin.

M'SEX. HAVE MAN WITH THE RIGHT NAME

Middlesex have found another good 'un . . . and with the right name! F. W. Hobbs, who scored 71 for C.C.C. v. Sir Pelham Warner's eleven at Lord's, and later proved himself the best fielder in the match, is ready for county cricket as soon as the championship is resumed.

Other chief features of the near-things verdict for Sir Plum's team was the fine all-round cricket of the Irishman E. A. Ingram, who batted well for 43, and the batting of Denis Compton.

Denis got a good 101 after being missed at 18. His brother, Leslie, booked his place in the next Middlesex eleven as a wicket-keeper.

Pilot Officer R. M. Taylor received well-deserved public congratulations on his recent D.F.C. all the way to the wicket. Ingram, however, did what the "Heinkels" couldn't by defeating him with quick acceleration.

A gentle hint from Plum caused the Conference to declare at 3-50 five minutes sooner than they had intended to do. Leslie Compton struck a winning four three minutes from time.

Seven thousand watched, £171 was taken at the gate and £21 for each of Compton's runs in the Red Cross and St. John's collecting boxes.

Heard At Lord's

You can still pick up J. W. H. T. Douglas stories at Lord's. Here's the latest:

Once in Australia when "Johnny Won't-Hit-To-day" went to the wicket looking even more Gibraltar-like than usual, one pavilion critic bit another that more trains would pass over a bridge in sight than the imperforable one would make runs. The trains won by 13.



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Navy saw more of the ball from the scrums in the first half, but Medicals were on top in this department in the second period.

MacDonald and Mohan scored unconverted tries for Medicals in the first half, and Robinson scored both tries for Navy, King just failing to convert the first.

Navy would have won had Bucknell not attempted to touch down between the posts after having crossed the line. He was tackled and dropped the ball.

R.A.M.C.: — Bartley; Macdonald, Coombes, Pratt and Whybro; Harvey, Scriven; Wigglesworth, Chandler, Milne; Collins, Furnell; Mohan, Van Millingen and Edge.

Navy "A": — Wood; Robinson, Grace, Adams and Wilson; E. A. Bucknell and E. A. Wilson; Stockham, King, Beattie; Davis, Wilkinson, Brewer and Garbett.

TO-DAY'S GAME

Club "A" will meet Artillery at Rugby at the Valley to-day, commencing at 5 p.m. sharp.

The Club team is as follows: H. F. Hopkins; H. van Leeuwen, M. G. Carruthers, D. Hyman and P. B. Wilson; T. O. Morgan and F. J. C. Clemon, J. Moodie, W. Stoker, A. M. Kennedy; R. G. Gairdner, C. F. Needham; J. M. Thomson, G. B. Godfrey, and A. G. Dalziel.

J. Redman will be the referee.

R.A.: — 2/Lieut. Clague (5th A.A. Regt.); L/Bdr. Richards (12th Heavy Battery, R.A.); Gnr. Giblin (5th A.A. Regt.); Gnr. Keeble (24th Hvy. Bty.); Sgt. Marsh (12th Hvy. Bty.); Capt. G. W. Hook (30th Hvy. Bty.); Gnr. Dobbinson (5th A.A. Regt.); 2/Lieut. Heath (5th A.A. Regt.); 2/Lieut. Delfield (12th Hvy. Regt.); 2/Lieut. Edmondson (12th Hvy. Regt.); L/Bdr. McDermott (12th Hvy. Bty.); Sgt. Page (5th A.A. Regt.); L/Bdr. Whitehead (5th A.A. Regt.); Gnr. Evans (5th A.A. Regt.); Gnr. Mullen (5th A.A. Regt.); N40etheth

MITCHELL SHOWS PROMISE

AN OTHERWISE UNINTERESTING GAME BETWEEN INDIAN R.C. JUNIORS AND CIVIL SERVICE C.C. SECONDS LAST SATURDAY WAS BRIGHTENED CONSIDERABLY BY A FORCEFUL INNINGS BY G. AINSLIE, WHO SCORED 63 OUT OF 83, INCLUDING 13 FOURS, AND FINE BOWLING BY J. MITCHELL WHO GAVE AWAY 15 RUNS IN 5 OVERS FOR 1 WICKET.

Although Ainslie was lucky in that he had some very loose bowling to deal with, he nevertheless hit the ball very hard, and in the middle every time. He should endeavour to develop his defence and with more match experience should prove an asset to C.S.C.C. seniors.

It can be said without any fear of contradiction that the most promising bowler C.S.C.C. has had for the past two decades is the young J. Mitchell; a left-handed round-the-wicket medium-paced bowler.

Unlike most young fellows, Mitchell does not sacrifice length for pace. He comes in with his arm and then goes away again, and if he finds a "spot" he will be the most difficult bowler to play in Second Division.

I do not know if the C.S.C.C. authorities are "nursing" Mitchell for another season, but a match or two with the senior eleven should give this promising youngster all the encouragement he needs. Good left-handed bowlers are so scarce these days that it would be a great pity if somebody did not take Mitchell in hand in time.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

RUGBY FOOTBALL

TO-DAY Middlesex will be playing Service Corps at Rugby at Prince Edward Road, but will only be able to field a weak team owing to Military exercises.

Last week Sappers, who are without Waito this season, proved their worth by beating a strong Royal Scots XV by 12 points to nil. Royals, on the other hand, had a very strong team with several Army players in their side.

Sheldrake is outstanding in the Sappers' pack and is always up on the ball, but he lacks support from his other forwards.

HOCKEY

AT Shamshupo last Sunday

Middlesex 1st XI defeated a strong C.B.A. team by 3 goals to 1 in a fine exhibition of hockey. The Diehards' well-deserved the honours, and goals were scored by Hymas, Sheehan, and Caul.

This season Middlesex have not lost a game yet.

They have a strong defence in Winfield, who plays a sound game between the sticks and who has a very keen eye for a likely shot. Stickley, the Colony and Army player, also takes a lot of beating while Freshwater, his partner, is very sound. P. S. M. Ure, at right-half is a sticker and worries the winger all the time. Sgt. Crowley, also another Army player, is an excellent centre-half, and Sgt. Waldron, at left-half, plays a very solid type of game. The latter also plays for the Y.M.C.A. 1st team.

STILL 100 PER CENT.

SAPPERS' 2nd XI, who have still a 100 per cent. record, added another two victories to their credit by defeating "C" Company Royal Scots, and Hong Kong Signal Company last week.

Moore proved that his capabilities as a winger are not to be overlooked, and, considering that this is his first effort in this position, he should retain his place in the team. I think that the Engineers' troubles are over regards finding a suitable player for this position. Bridle and Sheldrake are a fine pair of backs and have proved almost impregnable.

In their second game against Signals they won by 3 goals to 2. Signals, however, were unlucky to lose and, owing to numerous other sporting fixtures on hand, could field only a weak team. Westwood and Lieut. Arundell excelled themselves, the former recording the "hat trick."

SMALL UNITS FOOTBALL

AT Happy Valley on Monday R.A.S.C. were given a surprise by "C" Company Royal Scots, who defeated them in the second round of the competition by the odd goal in five.

The game was rather even throughout, but owing to a mis-

take by the centre-half, Young, who sent the ball into his own goal, Corps lost the game.

Sadler was not given much scope and was well-watched all the game. Hossack, of the Royals, was also well-marked but managed to get through to net twice. At the interval the score was two goals in favour of the Royals, who increased their score to three just after the re-start, when Young, not seeing his goalkeeper out of the goal, sent the ball back into the net.

SMALL UNITS SWIMMING

ON Tuesday evening Small Units held their swimming gala, but unfortunately only two teams competed.

R.A.S.C. were the winners of the Anon Relay Cup, and Hong Kong Signal Company won the Russell Relay Cup, and also the Kay Lee Cup for winning the 1940 Departmental Water-Polo League.

It is good to see that units of the Garrison are supporting the Swimming Classes which are being held during the winter months at Y.M.C.A. under the supervision of Mr. E. W. Bailton. So far there are about 80 members, of which Gunners have the highest percentage.

ROWING REGATTA

SAPPERS are holding a rowing regatta in the near future, and teams are having plenty of early morning rowing practice much to the annoyance of the inhabitants of Wanchai, who are strongly protesting against the wettings they are receiving!

(We understood they were cutters and not M.T.Bs.)

ARMY CRICKET TEAMS

Following will represent the Army First XI in a friendly cricket match against Hong Kong Cricket Club at Sookunpoo on Saturday next at 2 p.m.—Capt. Lawrence, Brig. McLeod, Sgt. French, Sig. Dixon, Pte. Hatfield, Major Swyer, Pte. Bateman, L/Cpl. Murphy, 2nd/Lieut. Plummer, Gnr. Barsby, and 2nd/Lieut. Ansari.

Army 2nd XI to meet Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps at Sookunpoo on Sunday at 11 a.m. is as follows:—Major D. C. E. Grose, 2nd/Lieut. T. A. Pearce, L/Cpl. Shaw, L/Cpl. Logan, Sgt. Denyer, Sgt. Webb, Spr. Tropp, Pte. Hatfield, Major W. G. Harvey, Pte. Emmerson, and Lieut. Coombes.

CHESS RESULTS

Matches played in the Junior championship of Kowloon Chess Club yesterday resulted as follows: A. Benjamin beat J. Walther; J. H. D'Almeida beat C. Lee; V. V. Kolatchoff beat F. A. Fabel.

EPINARD VICTIM OF THE NAZIS

THIS IS THE STORY OF CORPORAL WILLCOCKS (NEVER MIND THE UNIT), TOLD ME IN THE DOG AND PHEASANT, SOMEWHERE IN SUSSEX, WRITES L. V. MANNING.

It concerns the fate of Epinard, one of the greatest racehorses up to a mile in the past 20 years and famous for an unforgettable Stewards' Cup triumph at Goodwood in 1932.

The period is the B.E.F.'s record evacuation from France and the scene some park land near Rouen.

Willcocks, driving an ambulance with the Germans pressing hard, was hailed by an Irish stud groom who had in his charge three horses.

One of them was a veteran with a game leg. "That's Epinard," said the Irishman sadly. "They want me to shoot him, but I'd rather shoot myself."

A mile or so back Willcocks had seen the Jerries planting trench mortars around a string of racehorses, led by a boy, for the joy of driving them into a mad frenzy of fear before destroying them. It confirmed other stories which have reached me of German airmen diving over fields where cattle grazed and machine-gunning them "just for practice."

Shadow Of Slaughter House

The value of the best-known stallions in France before the surrender can be set at half a million pounds. Add all the horses in training, commencing with Djebel, the wonder colt, and it runs into millions!

Lord Derby, as well as the Aga Khan, had invaluable horses in France, including Fair Copy, winner of the 1,000 Guineas.

We know none got away. It isn't pleasant to contemplate their fate.

The few who survived may be turned loose for a while, but with famine threatening France this winter their horrible end can be guessed.

It WAS Epinard

Checking up on Corporal Willcocks' story with the world's greatest bloodstock authority, I gathered that Epinard had crossed the Atlantic six times, his owner, Mr. Wertheimer, retired him to his stud farm at St. Leonard Des Parcs, which is many miles from Rouen.

No doubt an attempt was being made to get him to the coast.

The game leg mentioned by Willcocks is part identification, but more convincing is his mention of the Irish stud groom.

I learn that it was an Irishman who for years has been Epinard's devoted bodyguard. His name is Jim O'Brien and he was a great international racing character.



ARMY SOCCER TRIAL

Following have been chosen to participate in an Army football trial game at Sookunpoo to-day at 4.30 p.m.:

PROBABLES—Moxham (Engineers); Freshwater (Middlesex) and Hamlen (Service Corps); Birrell (Engineers); Guy (30th R.A.) and Wilkinson (Middlesex); Coomer (Middlesex); Morgan (Service Corps); Fox (Engineers); Clarke (Service Corps) and Martin (Service Corps).

POSSIBLES—Duncan (Royal Scots); Naysmith (Royal Scots) and Lawson (Royal Artillery); Shaw (Engineers); Bright (Middlesex) and Falconer (Royal Scots); Lam Wai-lun (Engineers); Pearson (Middlesex); Hossack (Royal Scots); Young (Service Corps) and Duffield (Ordnance).

Reserves: — Pelham (Engineers); Jackson (Middlesex); Parnaby (Royal Scots) and Hole (Royal Artillery).

On paper, the following appears to be the strongest eleven possible:—Moxham; Freshwater and Naysmith; Birrell, Bright; and Wilkinson; Lam Wai-lun, Pearson, Hossack or Fox, Young and Martin.

Saw is a notable absentee from the above teams, while Edmunds and Cuthbert of R.A.F. are also available.

REFEREES' XI

Referees Association have chosen the following to meet Press in the annual football match on November 11: E. C. Ford; S. Wilson, N. Fraser; Lee Bing-tong, A. Brackenbury, D. Dennee; A. W. Smith, K. K. Ip, G. R. Taylor, J. Carley, King Kai-kue, Reserves, —R. Baker, W. M. Glover, W. H. Foster.

P. O. Brown will be referee and J. Emmons and J. H. Williamson linesmen; M. Minahan is team manager.

It is easy to picture the heart-break of that parting. Willcocks thought that the other two horses were Doctor Dolittle and the sprinter Old Riley. It might have been Old Riley, who disappeared from the Stud Book in 1937, but Doctor Dolittle was sold to Sweden some months ago.

The other horse is more likely to have been a chesnut son of Epinard named Lafayette, who held the French time record for five furlongs.

No Rugby League Merger

Yorkshire Rugby League clubs are to carry on with their County League competition next season irrespective of the uncertainty in Lancashire.

A suggestion that Yorkshire and Lancashire clubs should merge into one competition was not approved.

"Y" HOCKEY TEAMS

Following will represent Y.M.C.A. in hockey matches on the "Y" ground this week:

To-morrow, "A" XI v H.K.S.R.A. (5 p.m.): Benwell; Jordan and Saxby; Croft, Pennington and Waldron; Spencer; Layh, Uro, Colledge, Dunne and Ireson. Saturday, 1st XI v Khalea (4.15 p.m.): Benwell; Kiffen and Youriff; Pennington, Coombe and Waldron; Smith, Morgan, Uro, Dunne and Bates; 2nd XI v Royal Scots Juniors (3 p.m.): Flashlock; Heptonstall, and Saxby; Smith, Tomlinson, and Giechriat; Highlands, McGahan, Dormer, Ireson, and Banks.



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NEW DELHI CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE EASTERN GROUP CONFERENCE AT NEW DELHI ON WAR SUPPLIES WILL BE THE SCENE OF AT LEAST INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON BROAD QUESTIONS OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THE CONFERENCE PROPER.

Several delegations are anxious to take advantage of the presence of so many Empire representatives for this purpose, and it is believed that discussions between the Commerce Department of the Government of India and certain delegations will start shortly.—*Reuter*.

DECISIVE SPHERE

Declaring that the British Navy stood between the Dictators and the free people of the Western Hemisphere, Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, yesterday expressed appreciation of the release of 50 United States destroyers to Britain and welcomed the move to lease naval bases to the United States.

Mr. Alexander said: "Because I feel that so long as we can continue to resist successfully (as we are doing with the courage and fortitude of our people and

Great Fires Left At Kiel And Hamburg

WARSHIPS UNDER construction at Hamburg, Bremen and Kiel were heavily attacked by aircraft of the British Bomber Command on Monday night, it was announced in London yesterday.

Extensive damage was caused by high explosive bombs and fires were started by incendiaries. Great fires visible for 40 miles were left burning in the Blom and Voss yards at Hamburg and also at Kiel, where repeated hits were scored in and around the Deutsche Werke yards.

The heavily defended naval base at Wilhelmshaven, says the Air Ministry news service, was attacked by relays of heavy bombers for nearly an hour and salvos of high explosive bombs were seen to burst on the dock

sides and on barracks. Fires started by the first attackers were still burning strongly when later British sorties arrived on the scene. The naval port at Emden was also attacked and bombs were seen to explode in the petrol storage area.

Oil Depots Bombed

A mineral oil refinery at Hamburg was also the object of a second striking force which attacked Hamburg in the early evening before the raid on the shipyards developed.

Fires were started here and also at Cologne where oil supplies were again the target.—*Reuter*.

GREEK NAVY AN ASSET

The Greek Navy, though small, is efficient and its addition to the Royal Navy is welcomed in London.

Many of its officers were trained by the British naval mission which, until recently, was permanently stationed in Greece.

They know every inch of the Greek archipelago, which is literally dotted with islands and contains many useful harbours.—*Reuter*.

LORD MAYOR'S AIR RAID FUND

THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON'S FUND FOR AIR-RAID VICTIMS NOW TOTALS OVER £1,300,000.

One of the latest gifts comes from His Highness the Maharajah of Gwalior, who writes:—

"I have been watching with concern the distress caused to London's inhabitants by the indiscriminate and brutal Nazi raids and I request that my humble contribution of £1,500 should be sent to the Lord Mayor of London's fund with my deep sympathy for the citizens of London."

His message concludes with an expression of confidence in the ultimate victory against the Nazi and Fascist aggressors.—*Reuter*.

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BAD DAY FOR NAZI RAIDERS

Eleven enemy aircraft were shot down over Britain yesterday, states an Air Ministry communique. Two of our fighters were lost but one pilot is safe.

A second enemy bomber was destroyed during the night.

The enemy attempted four attacks on London yesterday using fighters or fighter-bombers.

A large number of our fighter squadrons engaged the enemy and few of the latter succeeded in penetrating to the London area.

Only a small number of bombs was dropped, mostly in the outskirts of the capital, and little damage and few casualties reported.

At the same time an unsuccessful attack was made in the Portsmouth area.—Reuter.

GREEKS RALLYING TO FIGHT

GREEKS ALL OVER THE WORLD ARE RALLYING TO THE COLOURS OR, WHERE THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, TRYING TO JOIN THE BRITISH ARMY.

Greeks in London are clamouring to be allowed to fight.

In Istanbul, crowds of Greek youths are besieging the Greek Legation demanding to be sent home to fight.

An army of 20,000 Greeks is being raised in Egypt.—Reuter.

GREECE RESOLUTE

"WITH ALL CONFIDENCE IN OUR GREAT HEROIC ALLY WE ARE GOING TO BASE OUR COMMON CERTAIN VICTORY ON THE ETERNAL PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE AND LIBERTY ESTABLISHED 3,000 YEARS AGO ON THE SACRED SOIL WE ARE NOW DEFENDING," SAYS GENERAL METAKAS. THE GREEK PREMIER, IN REPLY TO MR. CHURCHILL'S MESSAGE SENT TO HIM ON MONDAY.

General Metakias added: "With the same serenity and resolution which led us to oppose aggression by a perfidious adversary we are going to march on to final triumph"—Reuter.

Operations Going Satisfactorily

ALTHOUGH NEWS from the northern battle front is still very scanty it was known in Athens early yesterday that the Greek High Command was satisfied with the progress of the operations.

The efforts of Greece to mobilise Balkan support have been successful up to a point.



Ernest Finch, a South London boy, is the pride of the district in which he lives. During recent raids he extinguished four incendiary bombs and on another occasion swam a canal of rescue a woman and two babies who were buried beneath an Anderson shelter. His own home was also bombed. Ernest made a shy figure when posing for his picture. (Copyright, Fox).

British Raid On Air Base

Naval aircraft from British ships of the Mediterranean Fleet have carried out an attack on Malta, capital of the island of Stampalia, in the Dodecanese, the nearest Italian air base to Athens, said an Admiralty communique issued in London yesterday.

A hangar was hit and set on fire and an aeroplane slipway was damaged by a direct hit.

A considerable number of bombs was dropped on barracks and in an ammunition dump area, causing heavy explosions which continued for some time after the aircraft had left the area.

Incendiary bombs were also scattered over the target area. All our aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

HITLER'S ARMIES IN SOUTHEAST

Germany has no fewer than 70 divisions of troops in south-eastern Europe.

A military expert in London said yesterday that the employment of this force must depend on its using suitable country and the extent of petrol supplies available.

Only a small number of German troops are at present in Rumania.

It is suggested that extensive military action towards Turkey may not be imminent but there is a possibility of reinforcement of these troops by the Danube through Hungary and Yugoslavia.—Reuter.

Fourteen other Greek ships at Funchal have been ordered to remain there until further notice.—Reuter.

DIPLOMATS SCURRY IN MOSCOW

Speeding cars through the foreign colony in Moscow yesterday bore witness to the intense diplomatic activity in the Soviet capital due to the Balkan developments.

The Greek Minister, M. Diamantopoulos, called early in the day on the British Ambassador, Sir Stafford Cripps.

The Italian Ambassador, Signor Rosso, is understood to have seen the German envoy, Count von der Schulenberg.

The Soviet press publishes long accounts of the Italo-Greek development, without comment.—Reuter.

GREEK SHIPS STANDSTILLED

IMMEDIATE STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO SEE THAT THE GREEK MERCHANT NAVY DOES NOT FALL INTO AXIS HANDS.

Five ships at Lisbon have been ordered to remain there until further notice.

Among them is a former Anchor Line steamer, the Tuscania, of 10,991 tons, whose crew have asked to be repatriated.

TURKISH POLICY DEFINED

Inquiries in well-informed quarters in Ankara yesterday tended to confirm that Turkish policy in the Italo-Greek conflict will be non-belligerence though not disinterestedness in the outcome of the conflict.

Turkish sympathy is solidly behind Greece and should Bulgaria make a hostile move it is firmly believed Turkey would also move.

Generally, Turkey's policy will be influenced by the attitude of Russia and Yugoslavia and the extent of British assistance to Greece.

Diplomatic Talks In Ankara

M. Sarajoglu, Turkish Foreign Minister, yesterday morning received Sir Hughes Knatchbull-Hugessen, the British Ambassador, who introduced Major-General Arthur Smith, Chief of Staff of the G.O.C. Middle East.

Sir Hughes had a second conversation with M. Sarajoglu in the afternoon.—Reuter.

SOUTH AFRICANS REINFORCED

The advance guard of South African troops which arrived in East Africa a few months ago has been strongly reinforced by another contingent.—Reuter.

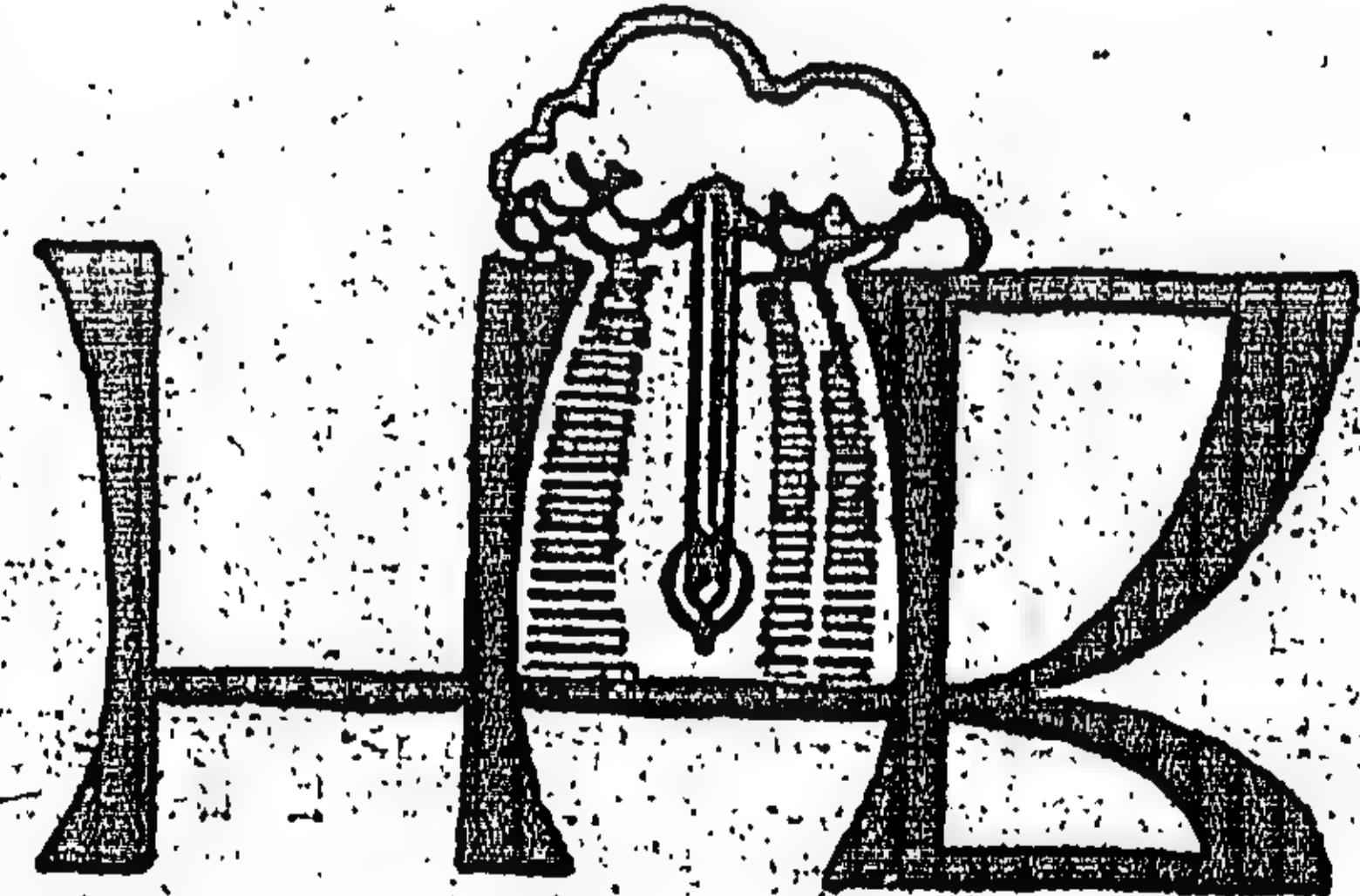
AN HONEST ERROR?

FOR REASONS BEST KNOWN TO THEMSELVES, THE GERMANS YESTERDAY SAID THAT EIGHT OF THEIR MACHINES FAILED TO RETURN FROM NIGHT RAIDS OVER BRITAIN.

The Air Ministry only claimed one.

Unofficial reports say that another blew up over the Firth of Forth.—Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!



Lt. Gen. Sir Ronald F. Adam, Bart., C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., General Officer Commanding in Chief, Northern Command, on a tour of inspection of some of the defences on the Northumbrian Coast. The G.O.C. is taking the Guard's salute. (Copy-right, Fox).

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STOCK EXCHANGE QUIET

The London Stock Exchange yesterday was generally quiet but there was some renewed interest in industrials in which breweries and tobaccos were prominent. Among oils Trinidad issues were supported. Gilt-edged were fractionally lower while Kafirs were heavy. After hours it was announced that Anglo-Iranian were not declaring an interim dividend. This is the first interim passed since 1934. Wall Street was quiet.—Reuter.



CAN'T SLEEP NIGHTS?
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WHY DUCHESS IS UNHAPPY

Unhappy in Nassau because the weather is so hot, the Duchess of Windsor hopes to come to New York soon "to cool off," according to an interview in the "New York Mirror."

An interviewer wrote that dozens of mosquito bites bulged through the Duchess's stockings and there were dark rings under her eyes.

"I've lost pounds," she said. "All my life I've disliked hot weather, and coming to Nassau is like taking a permanent slimming cure."

INCOME TAX FOR CHARITY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE WHITE RUSSIAN EMIGRE COMMUNITY IN SHANGHAI, NUMBERING OVER 25,000, WILL HAVE TO PAY A MONTHLY INCOME TAX TO THE LOCAL RUSSIAN EMIGRANTS COMMITTEE FROM NOVEMBER 1.

The measure will be similar to the income tax formerly imposed by the Chinese Government on those Shanghai residents who did not enjoy extraterritorial rights.

It is understood the scheme is devoid of any political attachments since its purpose is to centralise all educational and charity work. Bachelors will pay an additional fee.—Havas.

ITALY TRUE TO TYPE

AGENCY REPORTS FROM ROME SHOW THAT THE ITALIANS HAVE BEEN TRUE TO TYPE IN THEIR TREATMENT OF GREEK DIPLOMATS.

Electricity in the Greek Legation in Rome has been cut off so as to prevent the Greek Minister and his staff from listening to foreign broadcasts.

The Minister and staff are to leave for home either to-day or to-morrow.—Reuter.

Greeks Still Hold Mountain Passes Against Italians

REPORTS REACHING London yesterday evening, showed that the Greeks were still holding their positions against the Italians in the mountain passes along the frontier.

Greece's famous "kilted troops" are now in action. They are recruited from the mountain districts and are now face to face with Italy's "Alpine" divisions.

Italian claims to have advanced into Greece were denied in Athens yesterday afternoon.

The Greek soldiers are now using the slogan they used during the Balkan wars—"We will drive them into the sea!"

Up to yesterday evening, there were no signs that the "big push" the Italians had announced for dawn yesterday had met with any greater success than on the day before.

"Adverse Weather"

The Italian High Command in Rome claimed that Italian troops had penetrated at various points and that the "advance is continuing."

A suggestion that things are not going as well as was expected is contained in a reference to "adverse weather."

The main Italian drive seems to be concentrated at the north-west corner of Greece, where the frontier joins those of Yugoslavia and Albania.

The main objective here seems to be the city of Florina, an important railway connection between Yugoslavia and Salonika. Both Florina and Kastoria are said to have been bombed, while there are heavy artillery duels along the whole frontier.

Reserve Suggested

There are a flock of unconfirmed reports coming from the various Balkan capitals. Among these are rumours of an Italian/British naval clash, which is declared improbable in London, and of the landing of British troops in Crete, which is denied in London.

All these reports must be treated with considerable reserve. They bear a remarkable similarity to those at the opening of the Norwegian campaign and which were put out by the enemy propaganda service with the object of spreading disappointment when they are found to be untrue.—Reuter.

SPITFIRE SAVES SON, FATHER'S £5,000

Mr. John Urie, managing director of City Bakeries, Glasgow, has given £5,000 to the Minister of Aircraft Production as a thanksgiving for his son's safety in an air duel against the Germans.

Another £5,000 has been given by Mr. Urie's firm. It was handed to Lord Beaverbrook by Mr. Garfield Weston, the biscuit millionaire, who has a controlling interest in the firm. Mr. Weston recently gave the Government £100,000 to replace planes lost in air battles.

Mr. Urie's son is twenty-four-year-old Flight-Lieutenant John Dunlop Urie. His father said: "If the Spitfires were not such good machines my son would not be alive. That is why I am giving

FIRE ON SHIP NEAR STANLEY

Naval patrol boats, police launches and fire floats were rushed to Stanley Bay last evening to render assistance to the s.s. Tai Po Shek, on which a fire had broken out.

At about 6.15 p.m. after the vessel, which was flying the French flag, was on her way to Kwangchowwan, a naval patrol boat on duty in Stanley Bay intercepted flashes from the ship informing them that a fire had broken out on board.

The naval craft wirelessed the Water police and police launches and firefloats were sent out. The fire was extinguished within an hour and the ship continued her voyage.

The cause of the outbreak is not known and the damage sustained was said to be slight.

PRODIGAL DAUGHTERS RETURN

CLUB RAIDS ARE MOTHERS' JOY

Clean-up raids by Scotland Yard's vice squad on squalid drinking dens of Soho and the West End are bringing joy to the hearts of mothers in South Wales mining valleys and the shipyard towns of the north-east coast.

For closing down of these dens and so-called clubs is leading to the discovery of girls reported missing.

Lured by the glamour of London or by the offer of well-paid jobs at a time when unemployment was rampant in their native towns and villages, they just vanished, after their homes had received a few weekly letters.

After The Raid

Police were notified, and searches made. But in too many cases the girls were never heard of again.

Then a few weeks ago, when the clean-up raids began in earnest, six of these girls were traced following a raid on one club.

The girls—so-called hostesses—had been living with negroes who were running the club. Others were found to be living on their wits, and only by miracle had managed to escape the clutches of the law.

Subsequent raids unearthed more of the missing girls. Now as the clean-up continues the Vice Squad hopes to probe the fate of many more maids figuring on the list of "Missing" hanging in every London police station.

DIPLOMATS

STILL IN

ROME AND ATHENS

The Italian Ambassador, Signor Grazzi, continues at his post in Athens while M. Politis, Greek Ambassador to Italy, is still in Rome, according to the official German news agency yesterday.—Reuter.

JAPANESE RETREAT IN KWANGSI

The Japanese withdrew from Nanning at 8 p.m. on Monday. They set fire to rows of houses to cover their retreat. The big fires burned far into the night.

Despite the Japanese announcement of voluntary abandonment of Nanning, their withdrawal was apparently carried out under pressure of the Chinese general offensive in south Kwangsi.

Strong Chinese columns had steadily closed in on the city from several directions while other units recaptured Lungchow, Mingkiang, Suifu, Szelo, and other strategic points.—Central News.

\$1,600 THEFT

The theft of \$1,600, in foreign currency and jewellery, was reported to the Police this morning by the principal tenant of the first floor of No. 182, Nathan Road.

The police are endeavouring to trace a sub-tenant who is missing.

DROWNED IN POOL

A seven-year-old boy, Chai Kam-ling, was drowned in a pool in Kowloon City yesterday afternoon.

HITLER'S TERMS TO M. LAVAL

Almost Identical Formula From Different Sources

Navy For Axis: Indo-China For Japan

HITLER'S TERMS TO PIERRE LAVAL, THE FRENCH VICE-PREMIER, INCLUDED THE PLACING OF THE FRENCH FLEET AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE AXIS, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY REUTER YESTERDAY FROM STOCKHOLM AND ZURICH.

FRENCH EMBASSY ISSUES DENIAL

There is no foundation to rumours of peace negotiations or cessions of territory by the French Government to Germany and Italy, stated a French Embassy statement issued in Washington yesterday.

The statement also denied that the Axis is to have the use of strategic bases or that there will be any curtailment of French sovereignty in any point in France or the Empire.—Reuter.

The following two important messages were received by Reuter from Switzerland and Sweden on the subject of the recent Hitler-Laval talks.

The similarity of news coming from such different sources seems to confirm its authenticity and deals with the terms Germany has submitted to France.

POPPY DAY APPEAL

Contributions totalling \$1,802, headed by one of \$100 by H.E. the Acting Governor, have already been received for the Colony's 1940 Poppy Day Appeal.

The Organising Secretary points out that the present War is placing even greater strain on the resources of the British Legion and that the appeal becomes of greater importance than ever before. It is hoped that the Colony's contribution will be generous.

Sale of poppies will be held this year on Saturday, November 9, instead of November 11, which is a public holiday.

Contributions may be sent to the Secretary, Earl Haig's Fund, H.K. and S. Bank Building.

The Stockholm message states that according to reliable information in the Swedish capital it is understood that in the course of the recent conversations between Laval and Hitler the latter submitted the following terms to the French Government.

Firstly, the cession of Alsace-Lorraine to Germany.

Secondly, air and naval bases in unoccupied France to be at Axis disposal for the duration of hostilities.

Thirdly, the French fleet to be placed at the disposal of the Axis.

Indo-China To Japan

Fourthly, France to cede Indo-China to Japan.

Fifthly, the greater part of Morocco to be given to Spain.

Sixthly, the Italian share of the booty to be Tunis and a substantial portion of Algeria, together with the Department of the Alpes Maritimes.

Seventhly, French colonies to be placed under a triple mandate in which Germany and Italy would participate with France, but the regime to be subject to review on the termination of hostilities.

Zurich Version

The Zurich message states that according to reliable information which has reached Switzerland, Hitler has proposed the following peace terms to France:—

Firstly, Morocco to go to Spain. Secondly, Indo-China to go to Japan.

Thirdly, Italy to receive Tunis, part of Algeria and the Alpes Maritimes.

Fourthly, Germany to have Alsace Lorraine and a free zone of which the conditions have not yet been defined and which would extend from Switzerland to the North Sea.

Fifthly, air and naval bases will be at the disposal of the Axis for the duration of hostilities, and similarly the French fleet will be at the disposal of the Germans and Italians.

Sixthly, French colonies under a triple mandate until the end of the war.—Reuter.

A HITCH OCCURS?

The Berlin correspondent of the Swiss newspaper "Basler Nachrichten" says that the French official communique on the Hitler/Petain talks caused great disappointment in official Berlin circles because its phrasing was vague.

An German press has been ordered not to print it or not comment on it.—Reuter.

cooperate economically and politically in establishing under German leadership a "new order" in Europe aimed against Britain.

In regard to military cooperation the view is maintained in Zurich that France will probably hand over to the Axis powers naval bases on her Mediterranean coast and French North Africa.

It is not believed there is any question of the French colonial army fighting against Britain unless it is attacked but the possibility of French fleet participation in the war cannot be excluded.—Reuter.

HITLER GETS IL DUCE TO DEMAND LESS OF FRANCE

THE FRANCO-GERMAN AGREEMENT WAS MADE POSSIBLE ONLY BY HITLER, AT THE FLORENCE MEETING, PERSUADING MUSSOLINI TO ACCEPT LIMITATION OF ITALY'S TERRITORIAL ASPIRATIONS IN REGARD TO FRANCE, IN THE OPINION OF DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS IN ZURICH YESTERDAY.

Italian aspirations envisaged the cession by France of Corsica, Savoy and Tunis, but it is understood that under the new settlement France will retain Corsica and Savoy, and possibly even Nice.

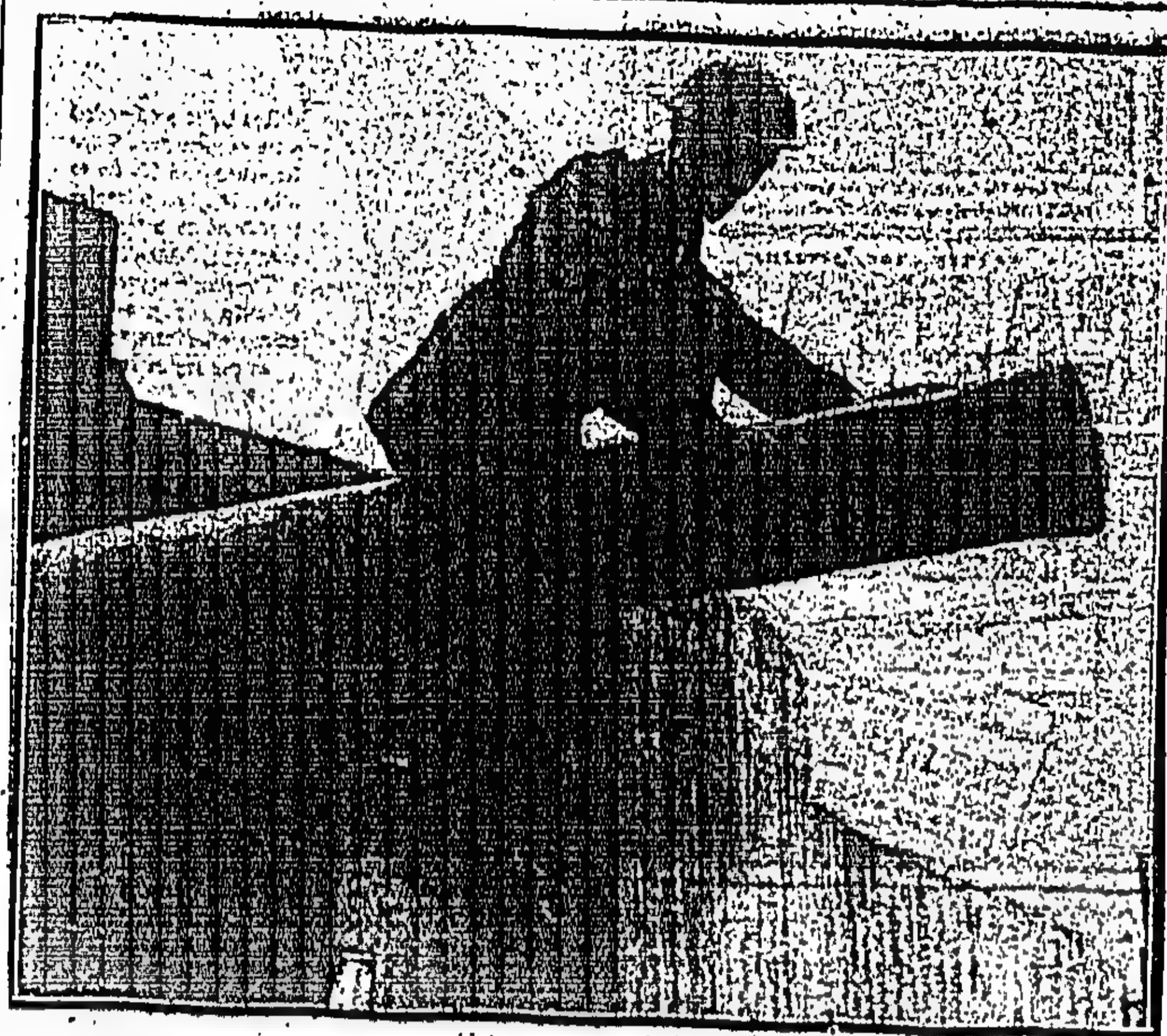
In regard to Tunis, nothing is known though possibly the original scheme for a condominium still valid.

It is thought likely Italy stipulated she should receive compensation at the expense of Greece.

Other concessions Germany has probably made to France include French retention of Lorraine, but of Alsace, the transfer of the French Government to Paris and the moving northwards of the demarcation line between occupied and unoccupied territory.

French Commitment

In return for these concessions France would be bound to



With a Coastal Defence Battery in the Eastern Command. Cleaning up the barrel. (Copyright, Fox).

GRAZIANI UNMOVED

There has as yet been no sign of a corresponding Italian move in North Africa.

British Headquarters, Cairo, says that there is nothing to report in Egypt, Kenya and Palestine.

In the Sudan last Saturday and Sunday our ground troops, aided by aircraft, drove back an enemy survey party on the left bank of the Blue Nile and caused some casualties.—Reuter.

SCHARNHORST REPORTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

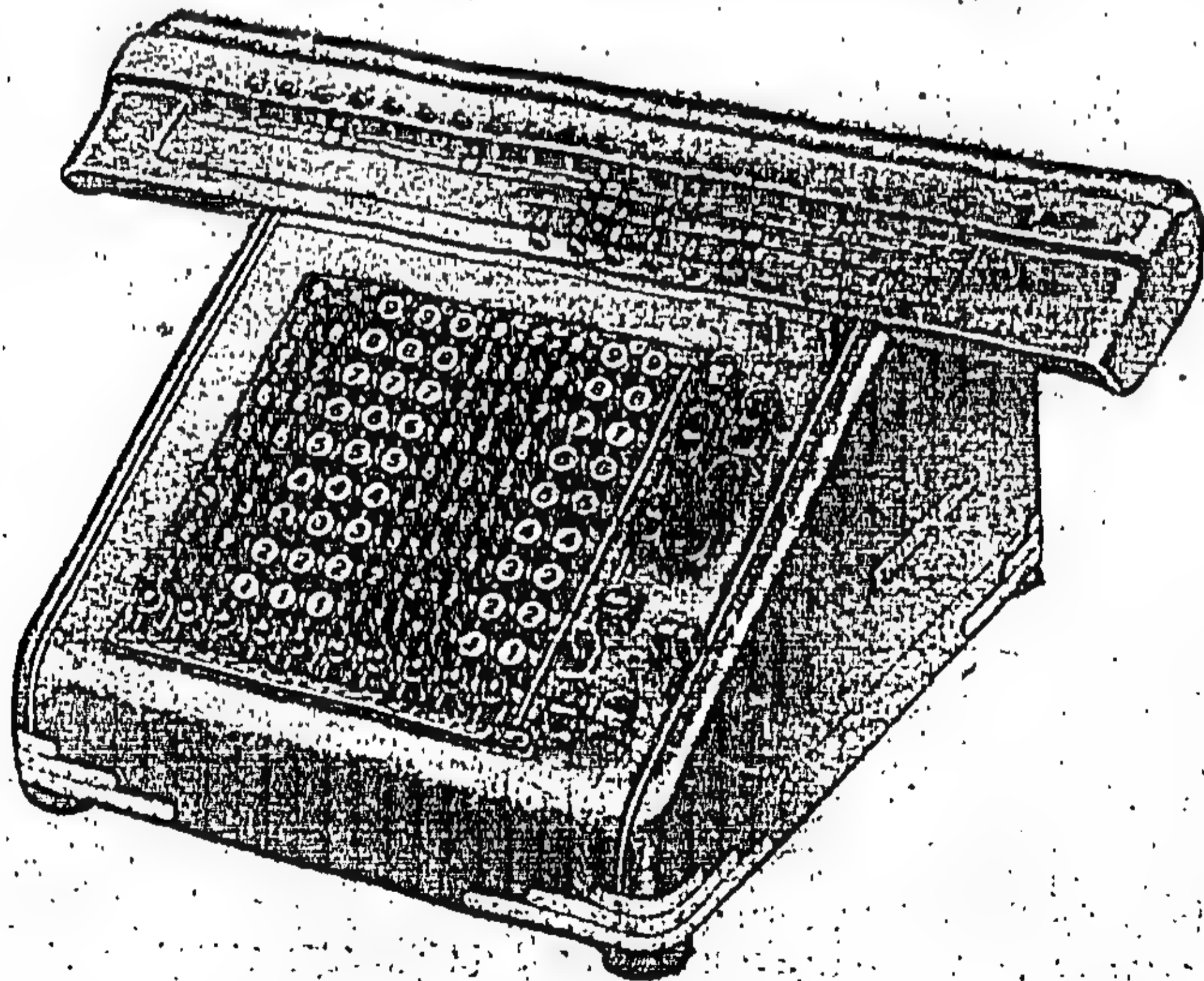
The Shanghai "Evening Post and Mercury" reported last evening that several big guns have been placed on board the German liner Scharnhorst which took refuge in Kobe on the outbreak of war.

Further changes are also noticeable to the vessel's "lines," says the paper.

Many Kobe residents expect the Scharnhorst will shortly be at sea, possibly to carry out raiding work in the Pacific.—Havas.

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TO-MORROW: "DESIRE"

U.S. NAVAL RESERVISTS IN H.K. CALLED UP

EIGHT UNITED STATES Navy Reservists resident in Hong Kong have been called up for service and will be leaving the Colony in a few days on board the U.S.S. Ashville to report to the Commandant of the 16th Naval District for duty, the "China Mail" learned this morning.

Many of them will leave behind them flourishing cafes or restaurants which are particularly favoured by members of the Services, both British and American, in Hong Kong.

HUGE AIRPORT AT ALEXANDRIA

Construction of what is expected to be one of the world's largest airports has been proceeding apace near Alexandria, junction point of the British services to Africa and the Far East.

The cost of construction is expected to be recovered to some extent from profits to be derived from the reclamation of land from Lake Mariout, for agricultural purposes.

Alexandria is situated on a narrow strip of land about one mile wide separating the Mediterranean Sea from Lake Mariout or "Mareotis" of the Ancient Greeks. The lake level is maintained by powerful pumps near its western end at about ten feet below sea level, thereby benefitting large areas of low lying lands which drain into it.

No Provision For Rain

From its bed a block of about 700 acres in area, or about one mile square, situated close to the suburb of Nouzha and about three miles to the east of the centre of Alexandria, has been embanked, pumped dry, and supplied with an intensive system of under-drainage by means of concrete pipes. The site is greatly preferable to that of the former airport of Dekheila situated about eight miles to the west of the city and now taken over by the Air Force.

The new airport might be used almost immediately during the dry season, but so far no provision has been made for surfacing it to make it utilisable after the heavy rain that frequently falls in the months of December to February, seeing that its present salty content makes the soil a quagmire when wet.

If, as the States Domains Department which is carrying out the work proposes, the salt is to be washed out, it will probably be more than a year before the soil is sufficiently sweet to grow grass. The alternative of making special runways would be costly.

While the above area is for land-planes, provision has been made for constructing a basin covering 1,050 acres close to the east side of the aerodrome for the landing of seaplanes. Here the embankments would be made for the purpose of containing water at about sea level instead of excluding it to a level of about 18 feet below sea level as is the case at the aerodrome.

The airport will have a depth of about 12 feet of water and, shaped somewhat like a balloon with its truncated base on the south side, is to have a maximum length of about two miles.

Reclamation Of Soil

The project also comprises reclamation work whereby approximately 3,000 acres adjoining the airport on all sides, except the north are to be drained, washed and rendered cultivable. The pumps which are to drain these 1,000 acres and the 700 acres of aerodrome are to discharge into the "airport" the area of which is just about sufficient to evaporate off the quantity pumped in.

In normal circumstances the whole project is expected to be completed within five years, though the airports could be used in a year's time if the necessary funds are available.

In alphabetical order, the eight men are:—
H. L. "Jim" Akers, manager of the Palace Hotel Bar, Kowloon;
James H. "Chuck" Connor, manager of the Black Dog cafe, Hennessy Road, Hong Kong;
William Gunn, Jr.;
V. H. "Dutch" Lingenbrink, of Gingle's Cafe, Gloucester Road, Hong Kong;
E. R. "Red" Sammons, manager of Gingle's Cafe, Gloucester Road, Hong Kong;
Arthur P. "Red" Thomson, manager of the London Cafe, Lockhart Road, Hong Kong;
Shelby N. Vance, retired Chief Radioman, now operating a radio store in the Colony;
Peter F. "Pete" Zech, manager of Marcel Cafe, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

SIR CHARLES PORTAL PROMOTED

The King has approved the promotion of Air Marshal Sir Charles Portal to the rank of Acting Air Chief Marshal on taking over the post of Chief of Air Staff.—British Wireless.

BURMA ROAD AGAIN RAIDED

Twenty-seven Japanese planes made an attack on the Burma Road yesterday morning. Damage was negligible.—Central News.

FELICITATIONS TO TURKEY

Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the felicitations to the President of National Government, wired the Turkish Republic yesterday on the occasion of Turkey's National Independence Day.—Central News.

ANGLO-TURKISH FRIENDSHIP

Anglo-Turkish friendship was accentuated by a telegram sent yesterday by the King to the President of Turkey on the occasion of the celebration of the foundation of the Turkish Republic, expressing cordial greetings and heartfelt wishes for the prosperity of the great Turkish nation.—Reuter.

GREEK NAVY AN ASSET

The Greek Navy, though small, is efficient and its addition to the Royal Navy is welcomed in London.

Many of its officers were trained by the British naval mission which, until recently, was permanently stationed in Greece. They know every inch of the Greek archipelago, which is literally dotted with islands and contains many useful harbours.—Reuter.

LORD MAYOR'S AIR RAID FUND

THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON'S FUND FOR AIR-RAID VICTIMS NOW TOTALS OVER £4,800,000.

One of the latest gifts comes from His Highness the Maharajah of Gwalior, who writes:—

"I have been watching with concern the distress caused to London's inhabitants by the indiscriminate and brutal Nazi raids and I request that my humble contribution of £1,500 should be sent to the Lord Mayor of London's fund with my deep sympathy for the citizens of London."

His message concludes with an expression of confidence in the ultimate victory against the Nazi and Fascist aggressors.—Reuter.

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INVASION PRACTICE LOSSES

Stories of heavy German troop losses resulting from exercises and manoeuvres in the English Channel preparatory to an invasion attempt were told in New York by passengers arriving on the American Export Liner Exeter.

Almost identical stories were brought by Robert Solberg, Vice-President of Armco International Corporation, who left France Aug. 25, after 20 years in Paris, and Carl Ter Weele, a Dutch radio executive, who left the Netherlands Aug. 27.

They agreed that the Dutch and the French were supplying the British with advance information of German exercises on self-propelled barges in the Channel and that British bombers had taken a heavy toll.

Mr. Solberg said he had definite information that the Germans have attempted no actual invasion of England. The Channel exercises, he related, consisted of sending troops about two miles out in the Channel on self-propelled barges and then turning about to make practice landings on the French coast.

Thousands Lost

He said the British tipped off

CONSERVATIVE CABINET TAKES OVER CONTROL IN ARGENTINA

Although the political crisis ended with a liberal triumph, the acting Chief Executive, Ramon Castillo, has chosen a conservative Cabinet to carry on the Argentine Federal Government until Roberto M. Ortiz is able to resume the Presidency.

by the Dutch and French, waited for the barges with planes and submarines and that "thousands of Germans" have been lost in this fashion.

Mr. Solberg said he recently visited a French Channel port where bodies of German troops were washed ashore daily. The guns which the Germans used to shell Dover, England, he said, were heavy French guns which the invading German army captured, and that French ammunition was used.

Mr. Ter Weele, a lieutenant in the Dutch artillery, said that he knew of many German invasion exercises off the Netherlands coast and that many men had been lost as a result of advance information reaching the British.

He said that some German troops had refused to take part in the exercises and that he had seen many of them sent back to Germany, their hands tied behind their backs. Mr. Ter Weele got out of the Netherlands through his friendship with a German officer; he knew before the war

Dr. Castillo, as Vice-President, assumed control shortly before the storm burst over the Palomar land scandal. The disclosures caused Dr. Ortiz to return and assume responsibility. His resignation was refused and his democratic reputation enhanced before Parliament and the country.

It has been suggested that Dr. Castillo is a "rightist" in the fascist sense and dictatorially inclined. President Ortiz does not seem to be of this opinion, but Argentines were perturbed when the Castillo Cabinet was announced. Some kind of coalition had been anticipated. Instead, the Cabinet was definitely conservative. The Radicals and Socialists, who had contributed largely to popular vindication of President Ortiz, said the situation was worse than before the crisis.

Apparently, Dr. Castillo had a free hand in the choice of his colleagues, though the Cabinet arrangement will only hold good in the absence of the President. There is a growing feeling that this absence may be prolonged. This, perhaps, explains why many sources would have preferred the appointment of a permanent Cabinet by the President and Vice-President, jointly.

The new Cabinet, although conservative, includes sincere advocates of democracy and friendship with the United States and Great Britain. The British, especially, should be pleased with the inclusion of Dr. Julio A. Roca as Foreign Minister and Dr. Frederico Pinedo as Finance Minister. The Castillo regime can be considered extremely pro-British.

Dr. Roca negotiated the Anglo-Argentine agreement in 1933 which is still the main feature of Argentine overseas trading policy. The Runciman-Roca pact, with its preferential claims on exchange, has never been popular among other nations. Dr. Roca has always stood by this agreement and worked for close relationships between the two countries.

Finance Minister Pinedo is equally pro-British but more significance attaches to his appointment because he is also an anti-Nazi. In public speeches and "open letters" he has repeatedly denounced the totalitarians and appealed for closer association with the Anglo-American democratic cause.

The democratic ideals of the Ministers holding two key posts in the new Cabinet may enable Acting President Castillo to resist popular criticism and dissipate suspicion that he is associated with reaction rather than with the liberalism that triumphed through President Ortiz.

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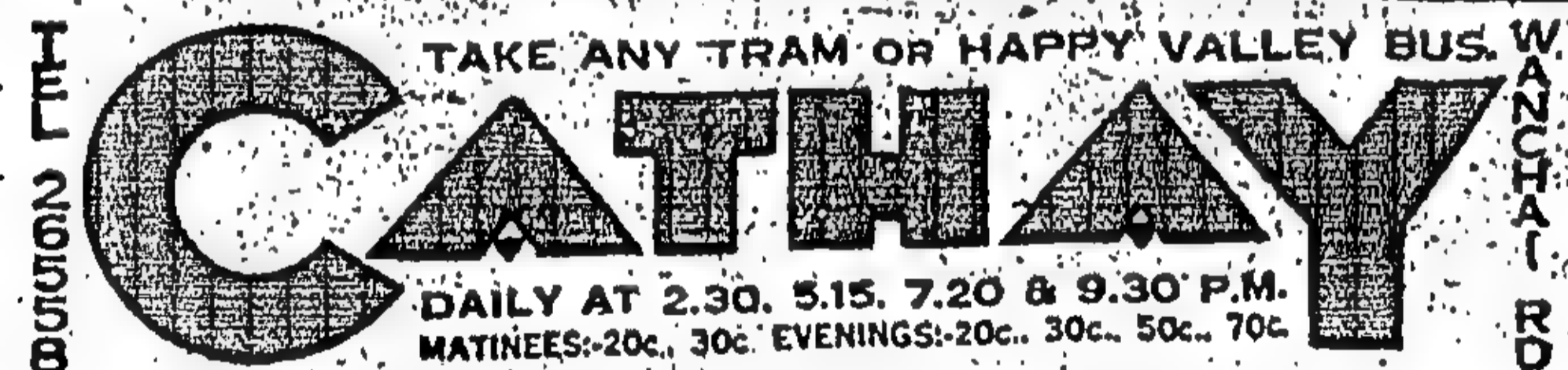
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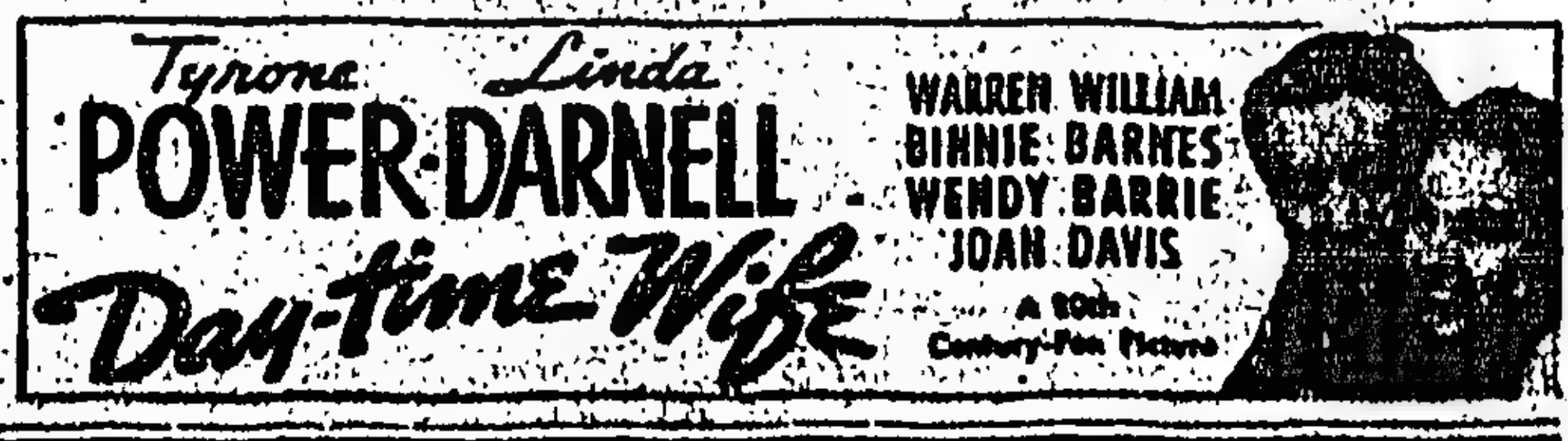
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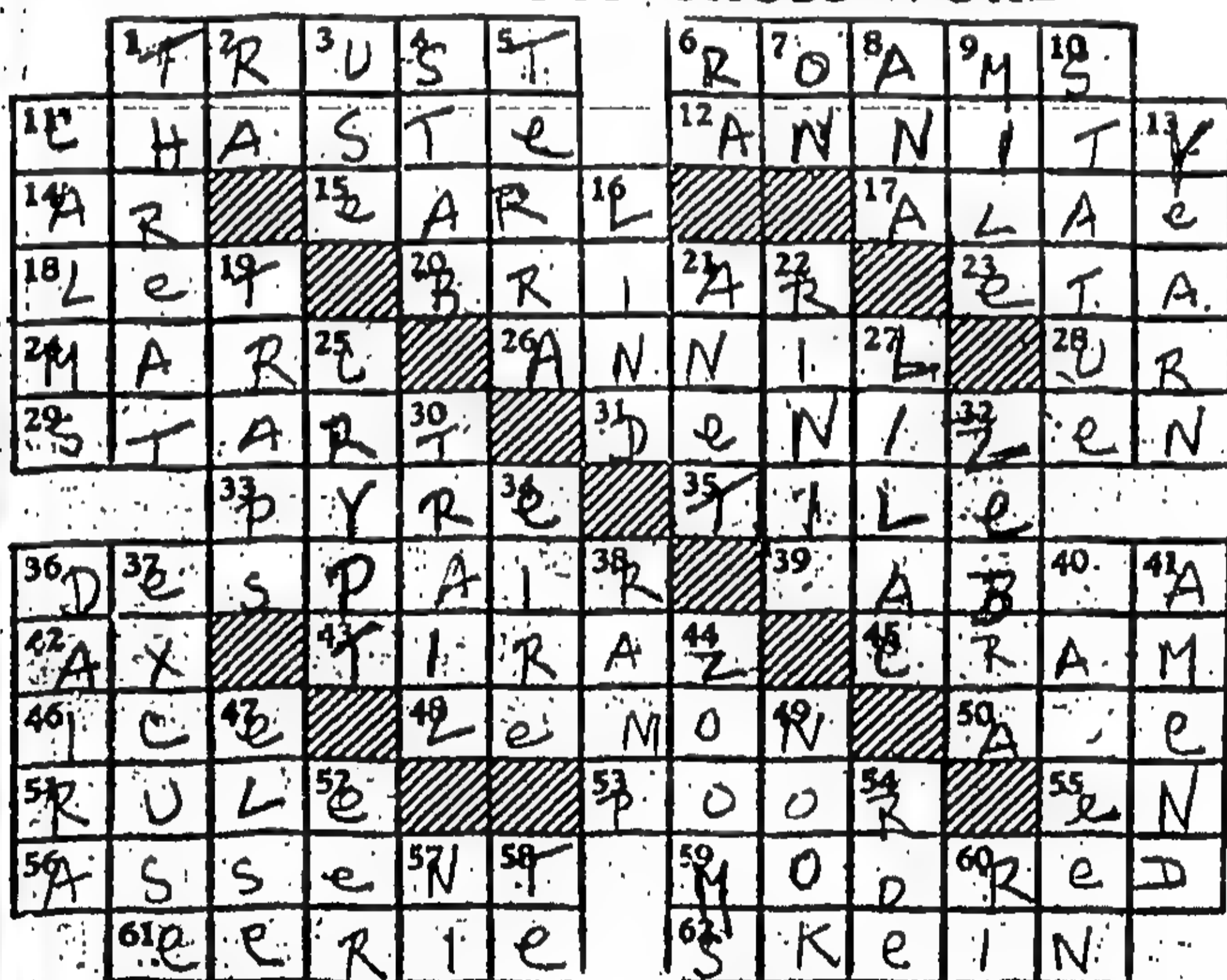
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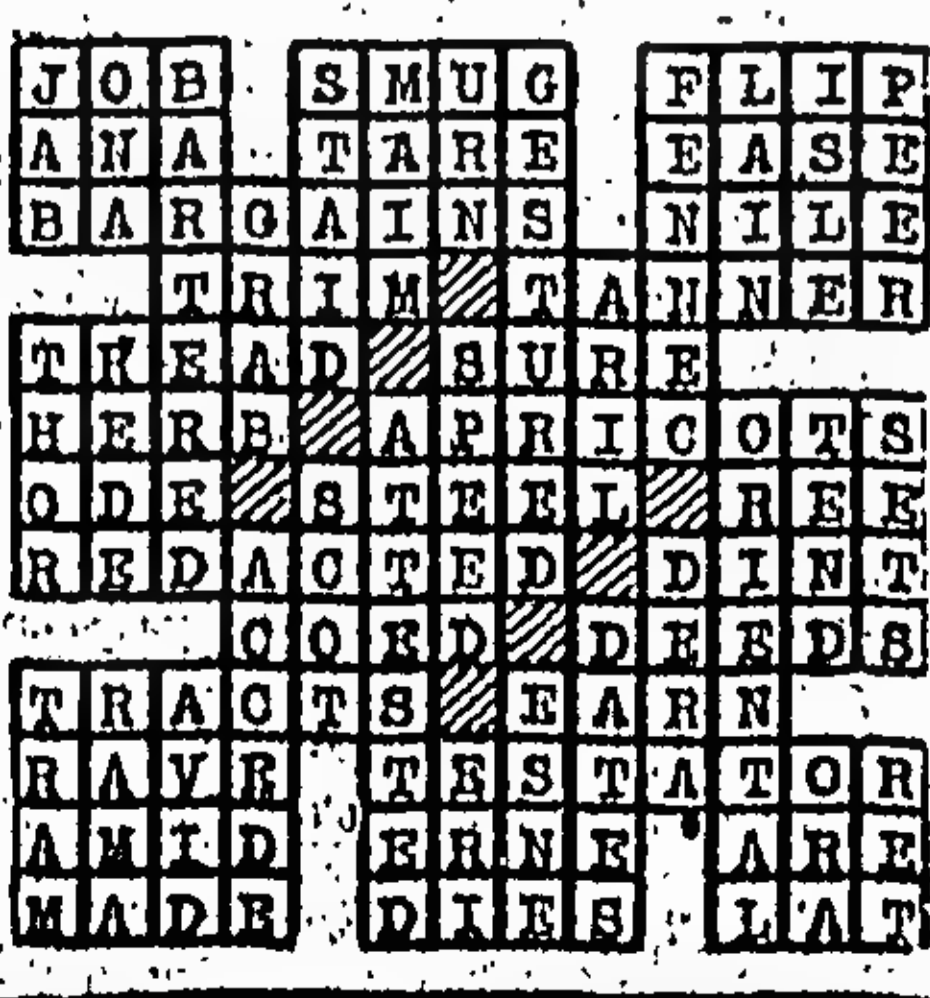
HORIZONTAL

- 1 To have confidence in
- 6 Wanders
- 11 Virtuous
- 12 Anything that exists
- 14 Land measure
- 15 Nobleman
- 17 Wings
- 18 To allow
- 20 Prickly bush
- 23 Greek letter
- 24 Grape refuse
- 26 To destroy the force of
- 28 City in Chaldea
- 29 To begin
- 31 Inhabitant
- 33 Burning pile
- 35 Floor covering
- 36 Utter hopelessness
- 39 Heavy rope
- 42 Chopping tool
- 43 Spanish silk fabric
- 45 To stuff
- 46 Frozen water
- 48 Citrus fruit

VERTICAL

- 1 Menace
- 2 Sun god
- 3 To employ
- 4 To pierce
- 5 Latin: earth
- 6 Note of scale
- 7 Proposition
- 8 Luzon
- 9 Savage
- 9 5,280 feet
- 10 Large marble or bronze figure
- 11 Soothes
- 13 To long
- 16 Swedish singer
- 19 Captures
- 21 The dull
- 22 Style of type
- 25 Secret vault
- 27 Flowering shrub
- 30 To follow
- 32 Striped mammal
- 34 Country in Europe
- 36 Turkish tambourine
- 37 To pardon
- 38 Sloping walk
- 40 Kind of rig on sailing vessels
- 41 To alter
- 44 Recommences ascending by turning on full power
- 47 Otherwise
- 49 Cranny
- 52 Poetic: always
- 54 Fish eggs
- 57 Symbol for nickel
- 58 Symbol for tellurium
- 60 Japanese measure

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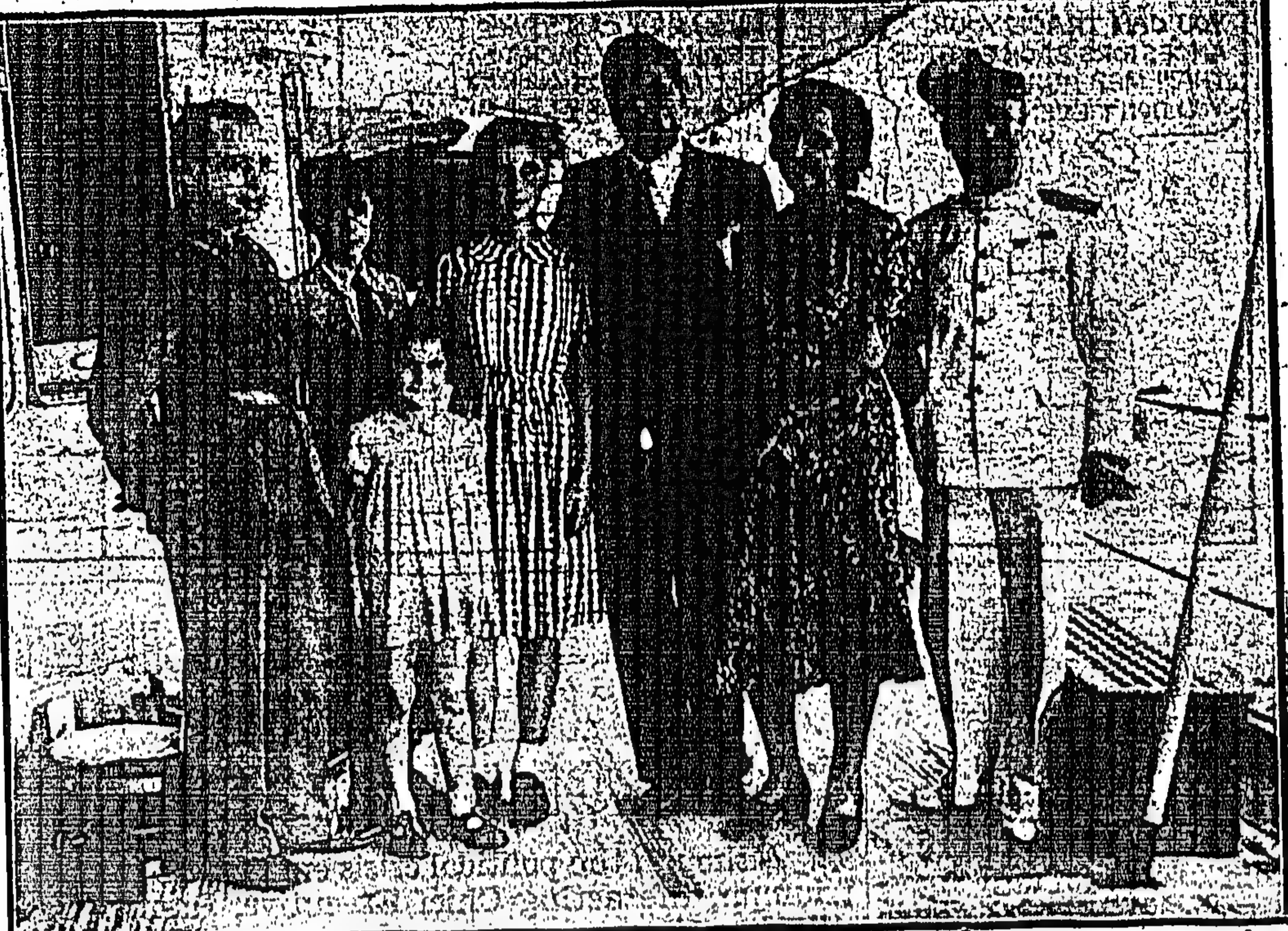
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The new Governor of Macao, Commander G. M. Teixeira, photographed with his wife, son and two daughters aboard the Portuguese sloop Goncalvo Velho yesterday. On left is Captain Jose J. da Silva e Costa and on right is Commander J. Francisco Fialho, commanding the sloop. (King's Studio).

BLACK-OUT WAS NOT A SUCCESS

LAST NIGHT'S BLACK-OUT fell far below expectations in effectiveness. Although in certain areas, the black-out was so complete that traffic was slowed down to snail's pace, in others the lighting regulations had not been carefully observed by owners of private property.

CHAPTER OF BLACK-OUT ACCIDENTS

A number of traffic accidents, chiefly collisions, occurred on the mainland during the "black-out" exercise last night.

Car No. 2921, driven by Mr. Harry C. Chew, was in Nathan Road at 7.30 p.m. when it collided with the traffic standard at Austin Road junction.

At 11.10 p.m., military lorry No. 6183 crashed in the rear of lorry No. 378 at the Jordan Road Pier, and about 1 a.m. to-day, a head-on collision between taxi No. 546 and bus No. 2828 occurred in Gascoigne Road.

Taxi No. 8 was in Nathan Road at 2.15 a.m. and collided with the traffic standard at the Kiangsu Street junction.

In all cases, no person was injured, but the vehicles were damaged.

NAZI RADIO SHUTS UP

"BECAUSE OF NEW WAR CIRCUMSTANCES", ALL GERMAN BROADCASTING STATIONS—EXCEPT BRESLAU—WILL IN FUTURE CLOSE DOWN AT 8.15 P.M., SAID A CURTAIN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM BERLIN RADIO YESTERDAY.

The announcer advised listeners to listen in to Breslau after 8.15 p.m. as that will be the only station operating.

No explanation was given as to what these "new war circumstances" were.—Reuter.

The Director of Air Raid Precautions stated this morning:

"Air observation reports on last night's black-out indicate that numerous uncovered lights were clearly visible in the following areas:

West Point,
Wanchai,
Kowloon Waterfront,
Yaumati and
Shamshuipo.

"The display of lights from fishing vessels was particularly bad.

"The public are reminded that the black-out is to be continued to-night from sunset to sunrise, and it is hoped that the faults observed last night will be rectified."

ACCUSED OF RAID SIGNAL

Allegations that torch flashes were seen coming from a window during air raids were made at West London Police Court, when a man and woman were further remanded in custody on a charge of making signals intended to be received by aircraft.

They were Emil Wirth, sixty-two, and his wife, Alma Wirth, sixty-one, of Childs Street, Kensington. Mr. Vincent Evans, representing the Director of Public Prosecutions, said the man was a German-Swiss, and had been in this country since 1912.

His wife was English before marriage.

"During an air raid on the night of August 24," Mr. Evans continued, "a man living in the same street saw flashes from the window of the accused whenever any aeroplanes appeared to be overhead."

"On a subsequent night a light appeared to be going on and off. The attention of the police was called, and the accused were arrested."

The woman said: "The only thing I did was to stick a torch in the gas stove because I didn't want the kettle to boil over."

Later, Wirth said: "I made no sign. I haven't got a torch. I

NEPHEW OF MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN KILLED

It is now known that Flying Officer Ralph Hope, 28-years-old nephew of Mr. Neville Chamberlain, whose death was announced a week ago, lost his life preventing his Hurricane crashing on houses in south-east London.

Hope was losing height and could have saved himself by "baling out." He stayed at the controls and according to one witness seemed deliberately to aim for some allotments. When the Hurricane was going straight down towards this open ground he baled out but his parachute did not open in time and the aircraft crashed on an allotment and no one was hurt.—British Wireless.

SECRET POLICE IN NORWAY

For the first time in history Norway has its secret police. The field of activity of the new secret police is not clarified in report, which simply says it will handle certain police question which arose out of the situation created by the occupation of Norway.

don't care what you do. Get in six months. I say no more." The couple pleaded not guilty. Their case, said Mr. Louis Morris, defending was that the charge of signalling to the enemy was pure fantasy.



JAPAN AND THE AXIS

The unpleasant consequences to Japan of her decision to enter into a military alliance with the Axis have again been brought home most forcibly.

As though the swing of feeling in the United States was not enough, Italy and Germany have taken action in Europe, in invading Greece, at once setting Japan the need for anxious enquiries as to how deeply events may involve her against her will.

Turkey and Soviet may be next in the field of battle, for the indications are plain for all to see that Greece is intended merely as a stepping-stone for further action, including seizure of command of the Straits. Japan, therefore, may be called on to meet her obligations, in spite of the fact that the Axis did not consult her before pursuing a policy provoking opposition.

At the same time, Japan is compelled to consider the situation from the Pacific angle, and sees nothing to encourage a hasty decision, to say the least.

Japan's entry into the Axis partnership was, in fact, from Britain's point of view, the most useful blunder Japan has ever made in extending the scope of its aggressions. Until Ribbentrop's little coup of a couple of months ago, the United States—and other nations—were asleep.

They slept while Japan scuttled the last vestiges of its restoration-born liberalism. They slept while Germany set fire to the literature and the constitution of the Weimar Republic. They slept while Italy defined civilisation in terms of the bombing of an almost defenceless people.

And amid these slumbers, the United States dreamed of isolation.

Those dreams were rudely interrupted by the collapse of France and the increasing demands on the British fleet in the Atlantic and Mediterranean, trusting upon the United States the full burden of naval diplomacy in the Pacific. And Japan, signing an agreement patent directed against America, swept away whatever lingering misconceptions may have existed over the extent to which the dicta-

---and they're finding Londoners too tough

Hitler is trying to make London into a hell for its inhabitants. He has succeeded in making it into a hellscape of hatred for himself. Londoners are too tough for the conqueror of Czechoslovakia, Poland, Denmark, Norway, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg and France.

To-day, after touring hours by daylight and hours by night throughout the City, during raids which formed part of the heaviest assault ever perpetrated upon any city except Rotterdam, it is the considered opinion of this observer that no people ever stood up better under cruel punishment, that they will never surrender to mere pain and terror, and that Hitler will not achieve either of his two possible objectives—which are first, through killing and maiming the population, so to intimidate them as to bring a mass demand for peace at any price; second, through dislocation of communications, railroads, docks and public utilities, to starve and demoralise the people and the armed Services until invasion can be attempted.

Returning last night from a two-day cruise with the Royal Navy brought the impression that the present giant air offensive is indeed the prelude to invasion.

It is thought most probable they may be planning soon to try to capture London, directly or indirectly, by trying to come up the Thames estuary, as well as by attacking points right and left of the river mouth, with the intention of surrounding the City. In the words of an authority well qualified to know, "I hope to God he does try."

First-hand observation of British naval, military and air defences against such attack leads neutral observers to agree that it is almost certain to fail.

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A four-hour trip by railroad throughout blacked-out England in the midst of the most furious air raids taught me that British resilience is not confined to London alone. It also taught me that this line at any rate is undamaged and is operating normally.

The moment we entered the alert area every light in the train was put out, but the huge engine pulling our crack express continued to feel its way at a fair speed into the terminal station of London.

Immensely significant that at midnight, on the fourth night of the most savage air raids, it was possible to find a taxicab within three minutes. More significant that a driver was willing to take a fare anywhere one liked.

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When daylight came I started out again, and drove possibly thirty miles through the hardest-hit districts and slammed up: London is still not as bad as Rotterdam, where 20,000 were killed by the Luftwaffe in twenty minutes. But it has now suffered worse than any other city in my experience in Spain, China, Abyssinia, and France.

If placed in a continuous row, the destroyed houses—80 per cent. working class—would stretch for miles.

But during hours of visiting damaged districts I saw only one injured objective which could be considered military.

Standing in the midst of the ruins of their homes and places

tors would go to realise their ambitions.

Japan has made certain that an American opinion will support whatever steps become necessary to safeguard the United States from the now too familiar tragedy of letting the aggressor strike first.

of business Londoners gave the best evidence that Hitler is failing in his task of terror. "Our windows are broken, but our

H. R. Knickerbocker

famous U. S. journalist now in London sent this story to American papers

spirit is not," was the inscription on a semi-wrecked clothing store.

Past us drove a truck filled with refugee children smiling. Other trucks laden with furniture, mat-

tresses, and baby buggies, piled household goods, reminded me painfully of the French roads last May and June. But here they are not running away, they are only moving out until they straighten up.

London has not got the faintest idea that Britain might fail. Yet the tragedy of this furious attack on civilians can hardly be exaggerated.

Finally I reached a hall where upwards of 500 refugee men, women, and children were imprisoned in the ruins, from which only about 100 were extricated, all dead but one. A fresh air raid signal sounded as I approached this colossal mortuary.

Every one but rescuers had taken shelter. In this district shelter caves are the only inhabitable places left. For blocks around there is nothing but rubble.

Stumbling about in the midst of these gruesome ruins my foot struck a tattered kindergarten school book darkly stained. I read "Many, many years ago men lived in caves. Men found caves very uncomfortable. They learned to build houses. Tell what your house is like."

I looked about me. Now for the first time in thousands of years in this era of Hitler's Luftwaffe men have at last returned to their original dwellings.

The Air Attack On London

Mass attacks on the London Docks caused great damage but none that seriously affects food or other supplies. Nor does it mean that the docks have ceased to work, as is proved by the passage of convoys through the Straits of Dover since the attack started.

The dock area is admittedly a legitimate target, and it has always been realised that the adjoining working-class district would inevitably suffer.

The district has suffered more than it need have owing to the unwillingness of the Germans to fly low enough for accurate bombing.

The casualties caused, though very distressing, are, on the whole, surprisingly small and casualties in the future are likely to become less, as the evacuation of families takes place.

The effect on morale has been mainly to cause anger, and neu-

tral observers have recorded that there has not been the least sign of panic.

Some effect on morale at the first onslaught might have been expected, for experience has shown that it is the early casualty lists which produce the greatest shock.

Germany Cuts Losses

The price the enemy has paid in daylight mass raids was, as they have admitted, extremely heavy. Since then, they have adopted a new technique, using successive raids in small numbers, mainly by night, to reduce losses.

They no longer confine themselves to the dock area or to legitimate military targets but bomb the whole of London indiscriminately.

This technique definitely implies an attack on the morale of the nation and an attempt to in-

duce public opinion to bring pressure on the Government to abandon the raids on Germany.

Indiscriminate attacks are a sign that Germany is in trouble, for it has always been expected that she would not resort to them except as a last desperate expedient.

Raids On Germany

The constantly increasing weight of R.A.F. raids on Germany, although confined to military targets, has undoubtedly caused their adoption. There is no fear that pressure will be applied to reduce their scale or that the Government would yield to it if any section of the public demanded their cessation. There is more fear that the public may demand indiscriminate reprisals with consequent diversion of attacks from more important military targets.

If anything were needed to arouse American sympathy still further, indiscriminate bombing of London has supplied it.

The Invasion Threat

Meantime, German transport and barges in Channel and North Sea ports are constantly attacked by the R.A.F.

In Britain preparation to meet attacks daily become more complete, and weather conditions at this season are unlikely to become more favourable.

If invasion on the grand scale is to be attempted, it cannot be much longer delayed. The Germans are reported to have glider troop-carriers in readiness, but it is unlikely they will be used unless there is a prospect of support by sea-borne troops.

In any case, their prospects of achieving much in a country prepared to deal with them are small.

If invasion is not attempted, a purely air attack may be prolonged, and winter nights tend to facilitate indiscriminate attacks.

Our raids into Germany and Italy will, however, be able to penetrate still further during long nights, and the great superiority of the R.A.F. in night navigation confers immense advantages.

The main problem prolonged air warfare presents is the prevention of interruption of munition production during the periods of raid warnings. This problem is being gallantly faced by all sections of workers.

The Mediterranean Route

One of the most encouraging features of the present situation is the domination of the Mediterranean by the Navy. It is safer for British convoys to traverse the whole length from Gibraltar to Egypt than it is for Italian transports to make the short passage from Italy to Libya.

The power of reinforcing in the Middle East from Britain relieves anxiety that might otherwise be felt about the Middle East situation. It opens the prospect too of a recovery of the initiative for offensive action.

In the air war, it is a welcome sign of growing strength that Polish, Czech, and other Allied airmen are gathering laurels as freely as their British and Dominion comrades.

The Spirit Of Britain

This is being written in the midst of one of the heaviest air bombardments that London has yet experienced. Eight million Londoners, except the very deaf, the very deeply sheltered, and those with plugs in their ears, are hearing this shattering din—the crackly burst of the anti-aircraft guns, the flat thud of their exploding shells, the high whine of the falling bombs, the deep roar and crash as they burst. Some of those eight millions are rather frightened. We are not all men of iron. But not a British heart quails or thinks of compromise

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with the enemy who has brought this terror. Fears are mastered and resolution hardened.

They call this the spirit of London. Nor will anyone who loves this great and ancient city grudge the Londoner his special mead of praise for fortitude and good humour. But the spirit of London is part of the spirit of Britain, and the spirit of Britain is part of the spirit of all free men.

They Give All To Save Freedom

Out on the streets of the Empire's capital are air-raid wardens, stretcher-bearers, auxiliary firemen, demolition squads, ambulance drivers, men and women every one of whom has volunteered for a dangerous job in the service of his fellows and the defence his country. They do their jobs with courage and grit, not driven by fanaticism nor coerced by discipline, but moved by the spirit of free men who will give all to save freedom for themselves, their neighbours, and their sons.

But it is not only in the work of these volunteers, and of the policemen, firemen, nurses and other professional members of the civil defence forces, that the spirit of free men is displayed. The same spirit is breathed by the whole reaction of the people. Here are

no automata, but men with minds of their own. The Englishman's right to grumble is one of his most precious legacies from the fight that his ancestors fought for freedom. The practice of the British people in grumbling stood them in good stead when the bombs fell. It was just something fresh to grumble at.

They were not ignorant of the dangers of air raids or the strength of the enemy. Their rulers had not fed them with lying boasts that the defences of London were impenetrable, or the enemy already at the point of submission. The horror from the skies did not mean a violent breach of faith between themselves and those in authority over them.

Contrast the German people, numb, voiceless and stuffed with lies. What resilience of spirit, what growing sense of comradeship, could be expected of them when the R.A.F. began to hammer nightly at their docks, their factories and railways? They had been told that Berlin would never be bombed. When Berlin is bombed night after night, their confidence in their leaders is gravely shaken, and if that confidence cracks, what have they to fall back on? Certainly not the faith of free men in an ideal that cannot be destroyed.

The Fresh Air Of Britain

When the R.A.F. bomb their targets in Germany, the effect on civilian morale is like puncturing an oxygen tent. The inmate, with his artificial respiration impaired, inexorably perishes. But the people of Britain are surrounded by no such artificial atmosphere. When they in turn take their peepers, they may be wounded, but wounds heal, and shields can be found against the worst injuries. They are not deprived of the fresh air that they breathe.

These are profoundly important facts. They may be decisive in determining how soon the war will be won.

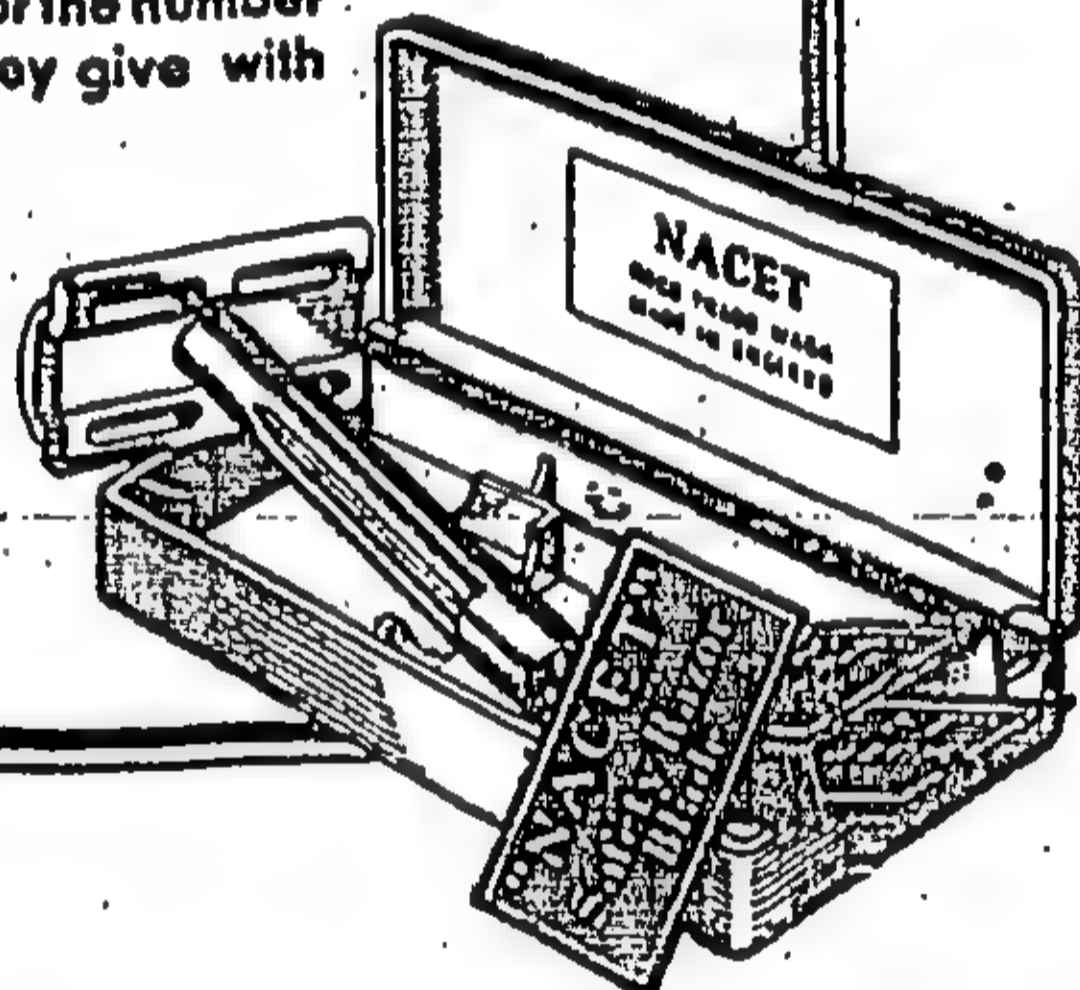


Oh grandmama!

THE tight frilled bodice and the flared crinoline skirt have come straight out of the old family album, but the figure is her own. Great grandmama could never have achieved this slim athletic line without the high-pressure help of a sturdy lady's maid, but she achieves it by watching her diet and her drinks. Her cocktail for example is always a "Gimlet" because she knows that the girl who insists on Rose's Lime Juice today avoids a headache and a Rubens contour tomorrow.

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BOMB CHIPS A LUMP OFF HERR HITLER

It takes a German sense of humour to bomb a waxworks, writes a London reporter. The irony of walking round Madame Tussaud's looking at headless and twisted waxworks gave me the only, rather numb, laugh of this grim week.

A very heavy bomb hit the cinema and shattered two of the galleries at the back. In one gallery models were heaped around the floor in agonising and painful positions.

It was the Hall of Tableaux, and the only things that had survived were the signing of the Magna Carta, tucked away in a safe corner, and the knights in armour setting out for the Crusade.

It was a macabre joke, stepping over wax arms and torn wax torsos.

Naturally I had hoped Hitler was broken, but little had happened to that gang. The head boy himself had slipped to one side and chipped a lump out of his face. Goering's pretty uniform was covered in soot and broken glass, and limping Goebbels had shuddered to one side.

Kings And Queens

There they stood, dirty and chipped, heeling over the ruins. The Hall of Kings and Queens had survived well.

In the centre was that majestic figure of Victoria, intact and firm, though her veil had blown over her face. Through the veil was a fine, "We are not amused" expression, and I gave service to her by straightening her veil and dusting glass out of her lap and making her comfortable again.

There had been a slight accident to the Cabinet, though Churchill stood as firm as a rock, his glassy blue eyes sternly supervising the clearing of the wreckage. One or two of the minor members had slipped with concussion.

The naval tableau had suffered a little.

Earl Beatty's nose was broken off and Nelson had fallen, but survived. Napoleon was beautifully shattered, and I picked up pieces of Caesar's laurels blown right across the hall.

The grimmest thing of all was poor Mary Queen of Scots. She had suffered.

She left her head on the executioner's block, but her kneeling figure had blown into the gangway. I rather think she deliberately committed this suicide to save the executioner the painful job of bringing down the axe that had been poised over her pretty wax neck for so many years.

Cavalier Survived

Flying glass had cut into many of the wax figures, and I am afraid Cromwell's Roundheads looked like pin-cushions.

They had for so many years been mutely questioning a cavalier who now stood intact among their fallen bodies.

Walking through all this waxed history it was impossible not to piece together some of the damage and find significance in the survivals.

It was good to see Queen Mary, regal and undamaged, to see the imperious gesture of Queen Elizabeth of England still ordering the end of the Spanish Armada, though her coronet of jewels was a little cockeyed.

The main halls were intact, though many of the lovely costumes were covered with a quantity of dust, glass and rubble.

And just as a final touch to this collection of iron there was the smashed cinema, still with a board outside advertising "Night Train to Munich."

It was a nice touch to a grim day, though it takes perverted reasoning to find the military significance in this game of waxworks.

DANGER OF DRIVE TO THE EAST

Lord Lloyd, Secretary of State for Colonies, declared in a speech at Glasgow that Britons must "have no illusions as to the danger of the threat" from German Dictator Adolf Hitler's drive to the east.

The secretary declared that "if the Italians, aided by German air power, were to succeed our control of the Mediterranean would be gone and with it the fate of our Balkan friends and allies."

Lord Lloyd asserted that Britain "feels the loss of France most" in connection with the situation in Italian Libya. He said that Italian Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, governor-general of Libya, "has plenty of difficulties" ahead and that the day "when we can take the offensive approaches steadily."

GOEBBELS' YOUNG LADIES

FIFTEEN HUNDRED GERMAN PROSTITUTES WERE SHIPPED TO PARIS TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED ARM-IN-ARM WITH NAZI SOLDIERS.

Details of this Goebbels propaganda stunt have been exposed in New York by Pierre Lazereff, former editor-in-chief of the "Paris Soir."

Drawing attention to pictures said to be showing Paris women giving a "friendly and enthusiastic reception to their Nazi liberators," Lazereff said: "We have received proof that when French girls refused to pose with the Nazis for propaganda pictures, Goebbels rushed fifteen hundred German prostitutes to Paris to pose in their place."

SILENCE ROOMS TO BEAT RAIDS

Sound-proof bedrooms may soon become popular in London, where the wailing of air-raid sirens is preventing thousands from sleeping.

A South London builder told a reporter that his firm has received inquiries about the possibility of sound-proof bedrooms.

A reporter questioned a number of people on the subject, and most are in favour of such rooms.

The partner in a City firm of printers said:

"Sound-proof bedrooms is an ideal way of helping the business man to beat Hitler."

Italy Looks At The War

HARDSHIP "WITHOUT END"

Travellers just returned from Italy give a vivid picture to-day of life there. They agree that there is no enthusiasm for the war, except in special cases, among Italians over thirty years of age.

Again and again you hear the significant words. "This is Germany's war."

The Italians expected Hitler to carry out quickly the promised invasion of England. Because Britain is more than holding out, they say the sacrifices demanded to them stretch ahead seemingly without end.

There is a serious shortage of food. Although starvation is some way off, malnutrition is to be immediately reckoned with.

Even in the first-class hotels of Trieste and Genoa full food rations cannot be obtained. Because the British blockade has cut off imports of Argentine wheat, spaghetti, the staple diet, is now of the poorest quality and is difficult to get in the cities.

Butter, eggs and milk are nearly impossible to buy.

The coffee urn burns in mockery on the zinc or marble bars of tens of thousands of cafes. Only third-rate coffee substitutes are produced.

Diplomats Go Without

Foreign diplomats, too, are unable to buy enough for themselves and their families.

Raids by the R. A. F. have brought havoc to Turin, Milan, Genoa and Modena, but the extent of the damage is concealed in official secrecy.

In all these towns the people are angry and disillusioned. This kind of attack was not popularly envisaged as part of the Axis bargain. There are no suitable air-raid shelters, and only recently has A. R. P. information been given out.

Passengers in the Greek steamer Attiki recently held up at Messina (Sicily) tell a story tinged with pathos. The port authorities there, after seizing the cargo, filed through the ship's galley, the pantries and the dining-room "looking for something for their families."

They helped themselves to food that was lying about, even pieces of bread.

Afterwards some officials searched the passengers for cigarettes.

From the Italian-owned Aegean Islands came even more forlorn stories. The Greek inhabitants are facing starvation. Their Italian masters have been obliged to commandeer all fruit shops and dole out the diminishing stocks.

The only traffic possible with the outside world is by means of fishing smacks, which scurry out by night to neighbouring Greek islands.

"A few nights ago I spent five hours in a shelter and the next day was so tired it was an effort to attend my normal routine duties."

"I know we are advised to seek refuge as soon as the warning is sounded, but I would be content to have my sound-proof bedroom at the bottom of the house and sleep peacefully without any knowledge of any air-raids which might be taking place."

WARDEN BILL MIDWIFE IN BOMB CHAOS

As bombs burst all round, the windows of a little house blew in and the roof collapsed, a young air raid warden acted as midwife to a mother in the East London raids. A thirteen-year-old boy acted as nurse.

Without a light to see by, the warden, Bill Watson, who is unmarried, brought the baby girl into the world.

The boy, Richard Hannaway, ran to the nearest horse trough for water, which was boiled to wash the baby in.

The mother, dark-haired Mrs. R. Foster, lay on her bed surrounded by shattered glass as Warden Bill attended her.

At the same time a heavy bomb crashed across the road — about eighty yards away — and blew the roof from the house.

Now mother and child are both doing well and a few hours after the ordeal, Bill, who had had a wash and brush up, went along to visit them.

Thirteen-year-old Richard was busy, too. He was fetching and carrying buckets of water from the nearby horse-trough for neighbours.

"I've never done anything like this before," Warden Bill told a reporter, "but there wasn't time to hesitate."

"The bed was covered with glass. Mrs. Foster was lying in it and I was worried to death that it might cut her or the baby."

"I rushed to the house when I was told that Mrs. Foster had been taken ill. There was no light, and I could hardly see. When I heard the baby crying, I knew it was all right."

Richard, standing proudly by, said:

"Mum says storks bring babies, but I didn't see no stork, and I knew it was urgent, Mrs. Foster looked so ill."

He's Uncle Bill

Mrs. Foster, who was waiting for an ambulance to take her to hospital, said:

"The warden — Uncle Bill the kids all call him — was wonderful. My husband is also an A.R.P. worker, too. He didn't think baby would be born so soon and he dashed out to help when the bombs started dropping. It was a surprise to him when he got home."

"If it hadn't been for the warden I don't suppose we'd have had a baby now."

"I hope the hospital people come and fetch me soon as it is very draughty here with no windows and no roof."

Mrs. Foster was lying in a room on the ground floor.

200 MILES IN 20-FOOT BOAT

Two Norwegians have reached a north-east of Scotland port after a daring crossing of the North Sea in a 20-foot motor boat. They made the 200-mile voyage in 51 hours. On leaving the Norwegians had some difficulty in avoiding patrol boats along the coast of Norway, but afterwards the journey was uneventful. Eight miles from the Scottish coast they were seen by a trawler and escorted to port.

LOYALISTS TO DIE

Five men who were prominent in the defeated Republican government of Spain, were sentenced to death in Madrid by a court martial. Those who were told they must pay the supreme penalty are: Cipriano Rivas Cherif, noted author and brother-in-law of Manuel Azana, former president; Julian Zugazagotia, a member of the Republican cabinet; Antonio Cruz Salido, once under-secretary of war; Miguel Salvador, minister of government at the outbreak of the civil war; and Antonio Montilla, Socialist deputy and a diplomat under the republic.

HITLER SACKS AN ARMY PRINCE

Prince Aschwin Zur Lippe-Biesterfeld, brother of Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, has been expelled from the German Army by the special order of Adolf Hitler.

He has been put under domiciliary arrest at the family castle near Bomst, in Silesia.

None of his friends is allowed to see him — even if the friend dared to incur the suspicion of the Gestapo by doing so. The motive for Hitler's order is his fury with Prince Bernhard, who, though born a German, has not in Nazi fashion betrayed the oath of loyalty to Holland which he swore when he became naturalised before his marriage to Princess Juliana.

Under Hitler's direct orders a flood of scurrilous newspaper attacks was let loose against Prince Bernhard both in Germany and in the German Controlled Press. Now Hitler, unable to get at Prince Bernhard himself, has tried to punish his brother.

He has degraded and put under arrest an officer who, for his heroism as a lieutenant of motorised shock troops during the Polish campaign, was decorated with the Iron Cross.

BALLOON BARRAGE DOUBLED

Dive-Bombing Attacks Frustrated

In England, as earlier in France, the balloon barrage is proving its worth. In neither country has an enemy dive-bombing attack ever been made within an area protected by balloons, nor have the Germans ever succeeded in breaking the combination of balloon barrage and anti-aircraft fire.

The balloons have done precisely what they were expected to do. The fact that they have brought down a number of aircraft is merely incidental. The object of the barrage is to keep the enemy machines at a height at which they can be attacked by the A.A. guns and R.A.F. fighters and to prevent dive-bombing. High-level bombing is not, of course, their concern.

The frequency of the German fighter attacks of late on our balloon barrages shows what the Germans think of them. Although many balloons have been shot down, a sufficient number to leave the way clear for the dive-bombers has never been destroyed. Week by week, more balloons are now being employed. Since the start of the war the numbers of the barrage, both in balloons and personnel, have been doubled.

HIS PRIZE HOME

A 45-year-old soldier, Mr. Robert Read, did not like the way people looked after his three-roomed flat in Bedford Street, Brighton.

So every morning, whistling while he works, he polishes the windows and the brass.

In the evening he goes dancing, or dismantles his radio to improve the set.

"He is better than any woman at house-work," his landlady said. "He's an amazing man."

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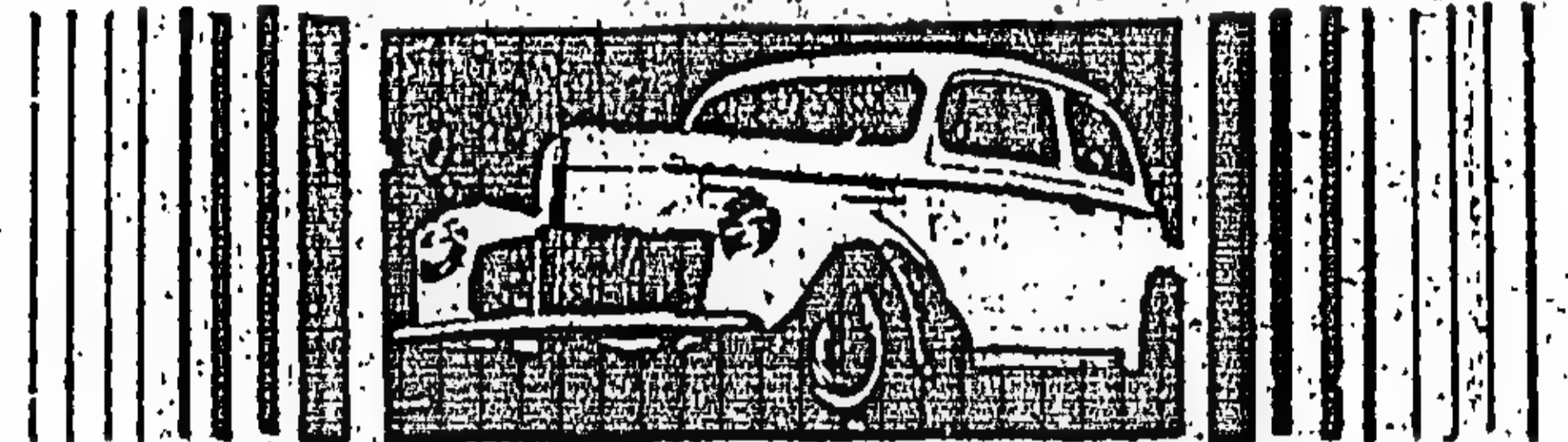
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BRIDGE NOTES

By The Four Aces

Bridge Swindles—No. 11

Some swindles are more or less the result of accidents. The gay deceiver simply makes it possible for the opponents to make a mistake, even though he may not clearly see what mistake is possible. For example:

North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ 7 4	♥ K 6 3	♦ 8 5 3 2	♣ J 10 9 6
♠ A 5	♥ J 8 5	♦ A 10 7 4	♣ K 8 4 2
♠ K J 10 9 6	♥ Q 10 9 7 2	♦ 6	♣ 7 3

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the Jack of clubs, and when the finesse of the club Queen lost to East's King, South realised that he had to hope for a swindle.

East returned a club, and dummy won with the Ace. The trump Ace was next knocked out, and East's club return was ruffed by South. After drawing the adverse trumps, South led a diamond, dummy putting up the King, and East winning with the Ace.

At this point, East found himself in what seemed to be a difficult situation. Both dummy and South were void of clubs, and a diamond lead would allow dummy to make an undeserved trick with the nine of diamonds. Apparently only a heart lead was safe. Fortunately for South, he guessed right by playing the heart nine rather than the Queen; and the rest was easy, since West's King was trapped.

East thought he was caught in a true end-play, but it was really only a swindle since a diamond return was perfectly safe. East knew that South had started with five trumps and two clubs; hence with six red cards. Allowing dummy to make three diamond tricks would still leave South with a loser in hearts.

Yesterday you were Merwin Miller's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q J 10 7 5
♥ 9 6
♦ K 5 3
♣ 8 4 2

The bidding:
Maler Jacoby You Schenken
1♥ Dbl. (?)

ANSWER: Bid one spade or pass, depending on partner and opponents. There is no 100% bid in this situation, but one spade is best with a fine partner against sensible opponents. Erratic opponents may bid four spades if you pass; and an erratic partner may land you in trouble if you bid one spade. So in a "spotty" game, a pass is better than a bid of one spade.

Score 80% for one spade, 80% for pass, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 551

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you hold:

♠ K J 9 5
♥ 8
♦ Q J 10 7
♣ A Q 9 6

The bidding:
Burnstone Maler You Jacoby
1♥ Dbl. (?)
What do you bid? (Answer: To-morrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

SUDETEN GERMANS IN CANADA

A few miles from Edmonton, Alberta, just over the British Columbia border in the Peace River section, approximately 500 Sudeten German settlers have found their key to happiness. The colony, now almost two years of age, has proved successful, a recent visit disclosed.

Not quite two years ago they were a German minority wedged in between a belligerent Germany and an equally resolved Czechoslovakia—the focal point of one of the world's largest crises.

But to-day that is all in the back-ground. They did not care for the Nazi rule when the Sudetenland was awarded to Germany. They left their homes for Canada. And to-day their main worries are whether it will be an early spring for planting, or whether the price of livestock will go up.

They are of German extraction, they speak German and they have many German habits of life, yet they will tell you they sincerely hope the Nazis are beaten in the war now raging far from their new homeland at Tupper Creek, British Columbia.

Dates Of arrival

The first party of Sudeten folk, 25 families, arrived in April, 1939, under a scheme of assisted migration approved to by the British Government. They had been in refugee camps in England and eagerly agreed to the plan of settlement in Canada. By August all the colony were settled in the Peace River block, 153 families and 35 single men. There were a few Jewish people in the number.

The first summer these sturdy Sudeten families—few of them had had previous agricultural experience—managed to sow 690 acres of crops and during the summer 1,400 acres were cleared, three tractors being kept chugging along night and day.

This year 2,600 acres were seeded and most of this will be harvested as feed crops for livestock being stressed rather than commercial grain production. Up in the Peace River country frost comes early and then it would cost excessively in freight to get wheat to the Edmonton market, 475 miles away.

The colony has its own sawmill which supplies the material for the houses and other buildings. Most of the foundation work has been done cooperatively with the communal spirit prevailing to

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a high degree. New families are gradually being located on their individual farm units. When each family "breaks off" it is given an allotment of livestock, and at once they go to work to build up their home place.

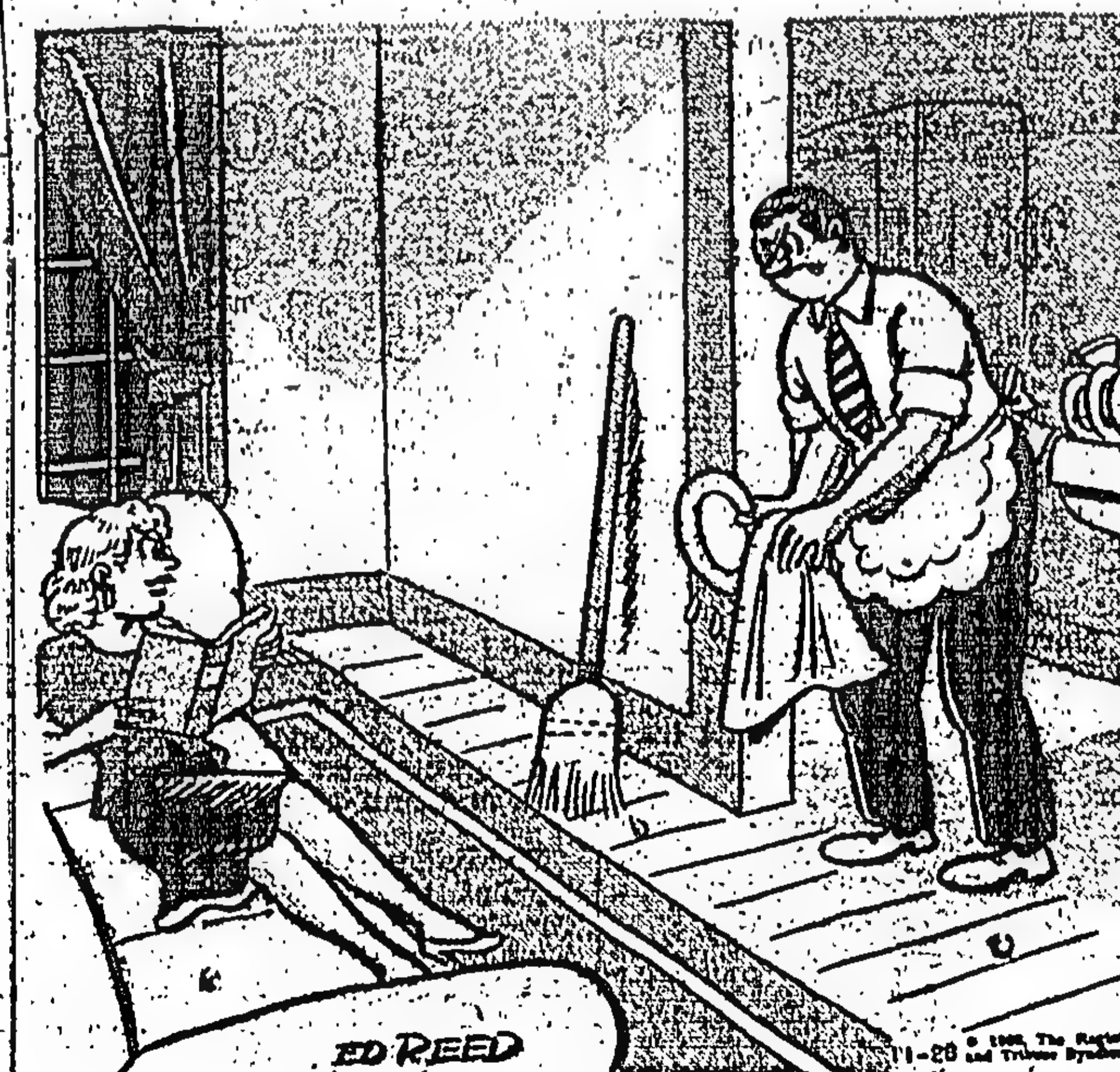
Assorted Group

It was a motley group, that colony from the Sudeten country. There were professional men, artisans, factory hands, toy makers, cabinet makers, blacksmiths, accountants and others. They found the manual labour in Canada's northern hinterland hard and the country wild. It was new country. But they did not complain; they smiled and worked the harder.

Their district is served by the Alberta Northern Railways with Pouce Coupe 12 miles away. They have schools with the English language stressed, but the regular British Columbia school curriculum is followed. One of the teachers, Miss Lydia Hinkle, a graduate of the University of Alberta, was born in Sudetenland although coming to Canada at the age of six. Night school is provided for adults. Native Czech handicrafts are being continued, with the products of these skilled workers much in demand. Mrs. Wilhelm Wanka, a former student at the University of Prague, makes European costume dolls; others do handsome basketry.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



"But, Dear! You said yourself you didn't want me to work after we were married!"

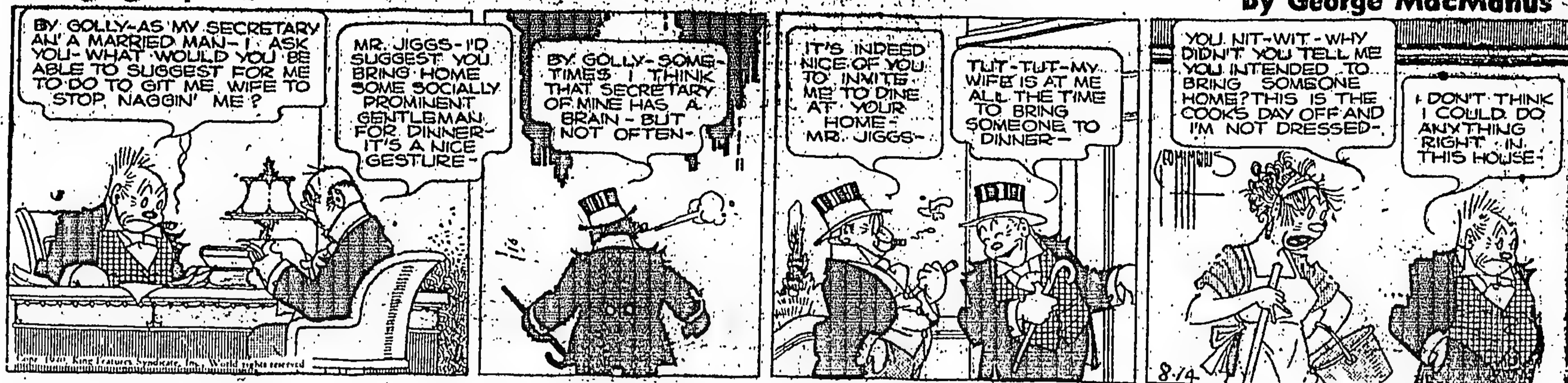
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

A Change ANY GIRL CAN BE A GOOD COOK...

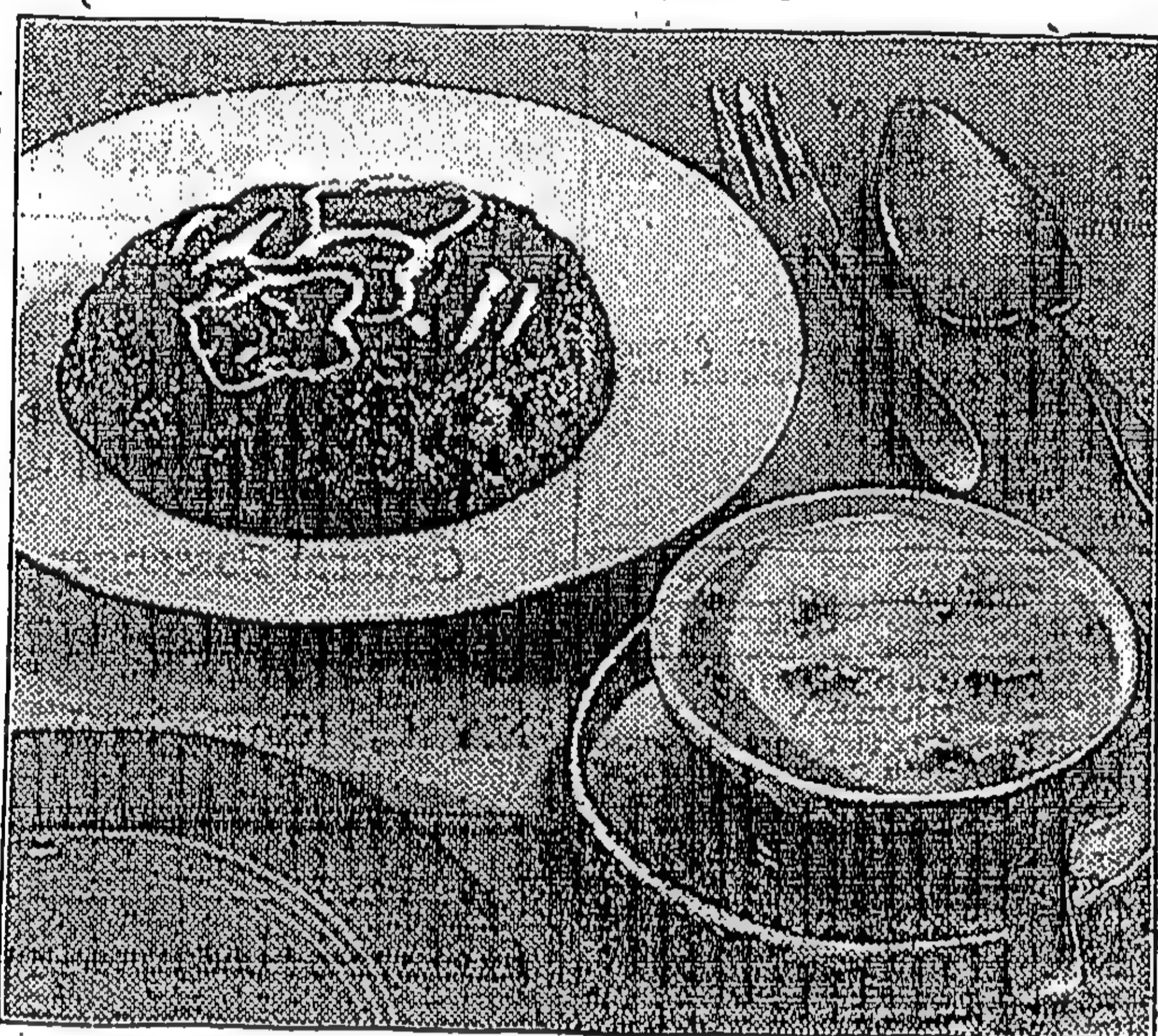
Those who make studies of women, to learn how we tick and why we so tick, and why we grow ill more frequently than we should, and why premature old age shows its uninteresting head pretty generally among us, warn that women get mental doldrums which raise havoc with our entire systems. And a sure cure for mental doldrums is a change from our usual duties.

If you feel so very tired, a good part of the time, that is sufficient warning that you should try to get a rest and a change. I'd like to tell you to take a cruise and pack a very beautifying wardrobe, but I know the majority of women simply cannot afford such a change. And in Hong Kong you might not get back! So take the change your circumstances offer—but take it!

It is so easy for women to keep putting off a holiday. "Oh I'm pretty comfortable." But are you peppy and cheerful and optimistic and happy? That is the test. You know, life isn't worth living if we cannot keep optimistic. No one's life is a bed of roses—currently problems descend upon all of us. But if you can keep optimistic by getting an occasional change, to keep your strength up to par, life doesn't seem to be so tough after all. And just look around among your friends—would you change your life for anyone's you know? I'll bet you wouldn't. Hard as your life might be, it has its compensations and you are familiar with its problems. That familiarity makes it pretty precious to you, so you'll hang on to it!

Enjoy Preparing

If you have time on your hands why don't you begin to-day to get your old clothes in order for a holiday? And if you have much time on your hands (or can steal a bit from your regular routine) either make yourself a few new duds to freshen up your wardrobe, or go out bargain hunting and get a couple of things. That renovated wardrobe will convince you that you must go somewhere. Wherever you go, visit with a fresh mind. Forget all the little duties you left behind. Keep out of doors as much as possible. I know a woman who spends a week each summer picking blueberries, carrying her lunch each day, and she returns home with jars of preserves, a healthy tan, and a new twinkle in her eyes! Funny how even a blueberry lot can be a holiday if we enter it in the right spirit!



Grilled Chopped Spanish Steak with Mushroom Sauce—simple to make and delicious to eat.

GREAT GRANDMOTHER had hard going. Besides putting up with great grandfather, whooping Indians and cotton stockings, she had the recipes of her day to fret her soul.

Such blithe instructions as "take six eggs and their equal

weight in sugar" or "add enough milk to make a good batter" did little to insure the success of the dish in question.

Taking the inaccuracies out of recipes and putting exactness in did more, perhaps, than any other one thing to improve cooking and cooks.

Present day recipes list precise quantities down almost to the last grain of salt. Directions are so explicit there is little excuse for failure. Follow the recipe exactly and success is yours. "Exactly", however, means just that. No straying off into little side sallies of your own, if you please. Just be a good girl and believe what you read on the printed page.

For example, when you follow the recipes here, you will have a grilled meat dish with all the juices kept in, served with a delicious mushroom sauce. And the squash will have lovely flavor.

Grilled Chopped Spanish Steak with Mushroom Sauce
1 pound beef, ground
½ cup condensed cream of mushroom soup
2 tablespoons bread crumbs
2 tablespoons cooked green pepper
2 tablespoons chopped pimiento
½ teaspoon salt
1 pinch pepper

Mix together the ground beef, cream of mushroom soup (just as it comes from the can), bread crumbs, green pepper, pimiento and seasonings. Shape into a steak about 7 inches in diameter and ½ inch thick. Grill under the broiler 8-12 minutes. Garnish with green pepper rings. Serves 4-5.

Mushroom Sauce

¾ cup condensed cream of mushroom soup
2 tablespoons milk
¼ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
Empty the cream of mushroom soup into a saucepan, mix well and then add the milk and Worcestershire sauce. Serve over the "Grilled Chopped Spanish Steak."

Savory Summer Squash

1½ quarts summer squash
1 can condensed consommé
1 tablespoon butter
Pinch of pepper
Peel the squash and cut each white disk-shaped squash into 6 or 8 pieces. Cook the squash in the boiling consommé for 10-20 minutes, covered. Then drain and cook down the remaining liquid until ¼ cup remains. Add butter, pepper and cooked squash and heat well to blend the flavor. Serves 4-5.

Unwritten Etiquette

If you play competitive games, you are quite aware of the written rules. When you take up your racket for tennis you know what is allowed in the game and what is not. But do you know the unwritten rules for all competitive games?

For instance, do you hog the only available court when others are waiting patiently to play a set? You shouldn't; you should give others a turn. The same rule holds good for any game or sports.

You should shower immediately after you finish and return to the group looking fresh and tidy. If there is no shower strip off your wet blouse or shirt and don a fresh one.

There is no denying that good grooming scores heavily. And one must keep fresh and tidy at all times with the exception of the hours when one is actually engaged in competition. Even then, you should begin play in fresh clothing and not excuse yourself by saying, "In no time at all my clothes will be wilted and soiled." Your play clothes may be simple but they should always be fresh.

Good manners score heavily, too. Sports are meant to teach us consideration, tolerance, good fellowship and to be good losers as well as modest victors. So see that your good manners are on call after the game as well as during the game!

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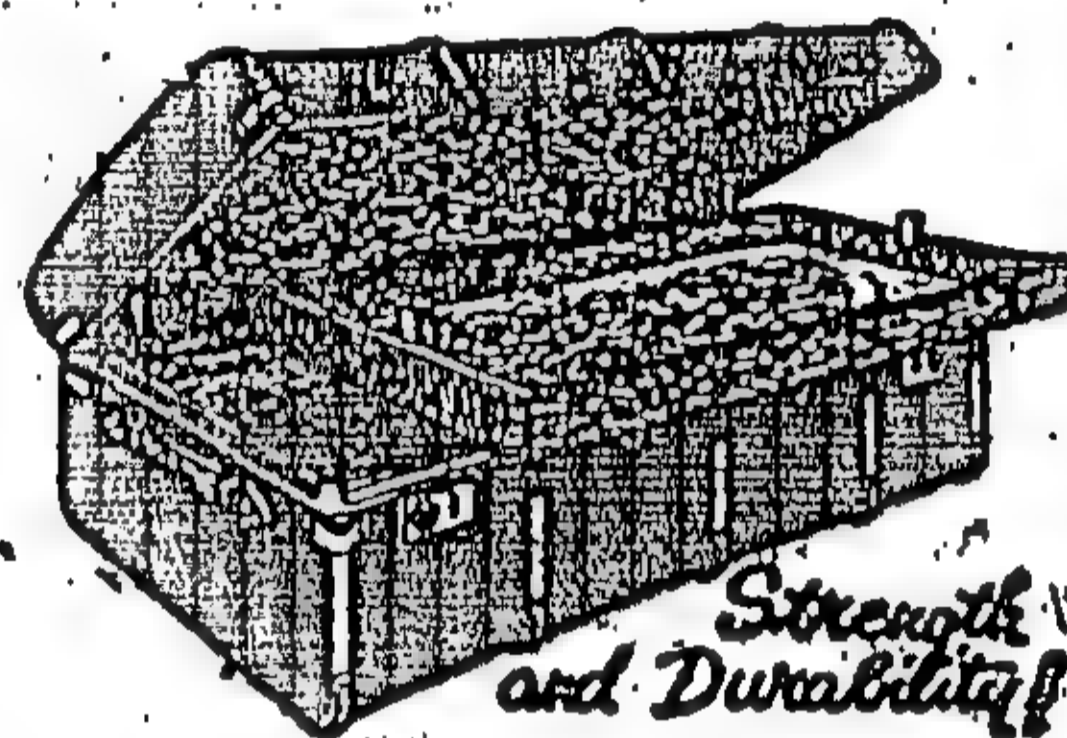
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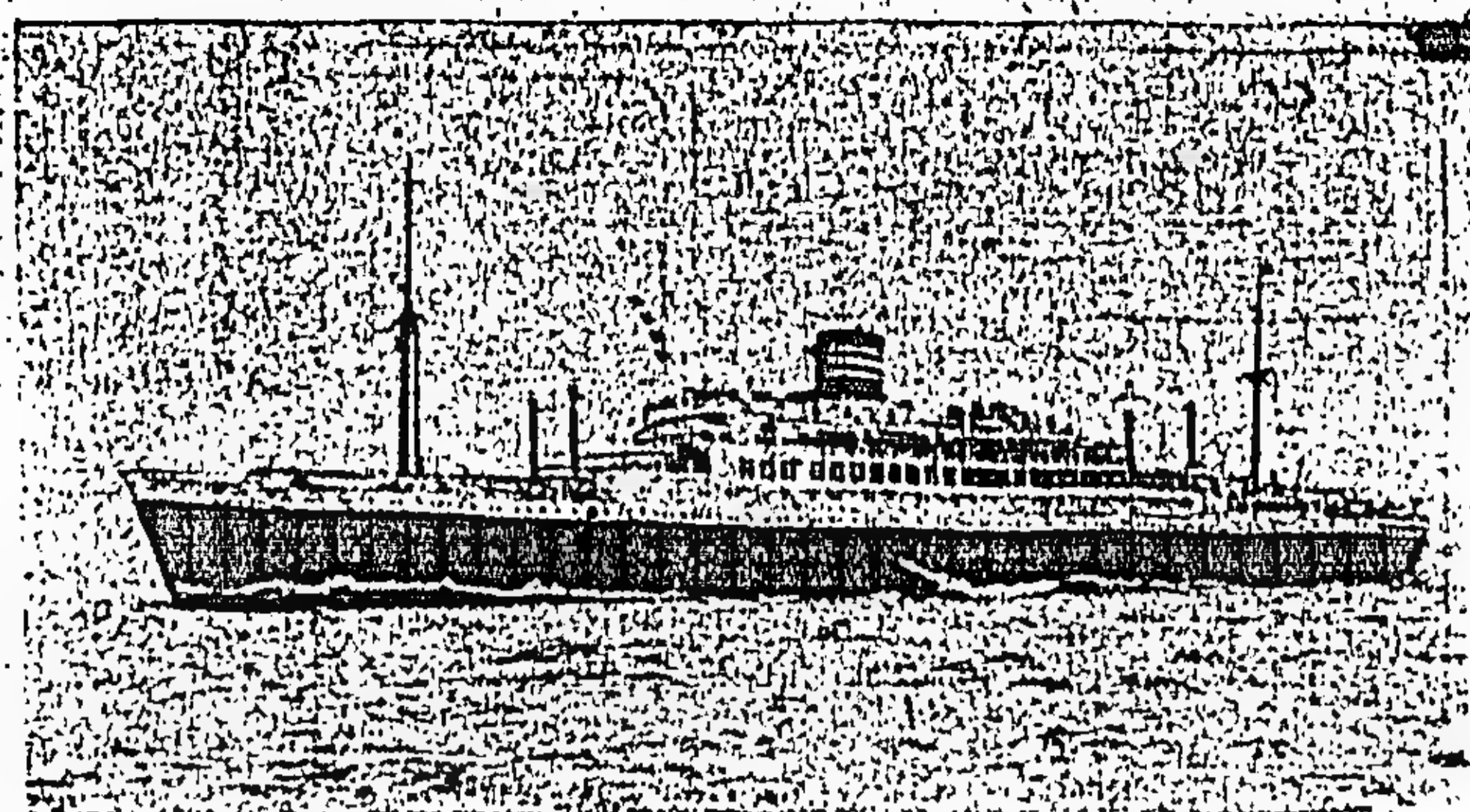
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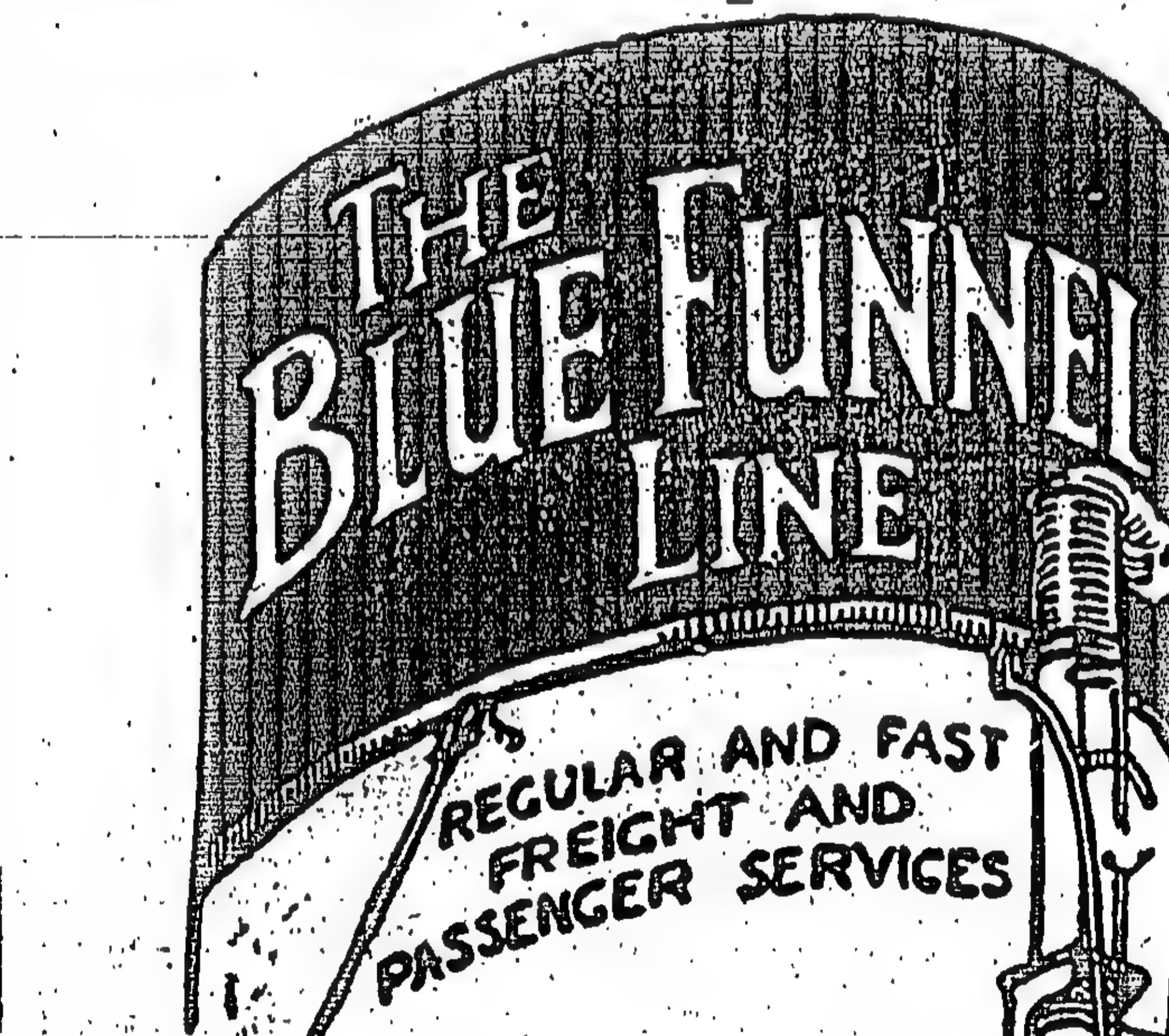
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When the Colonial Development and Welfare Act came to the House of Lords early in July after passage in the Commons Lord Lloyd, however, stated that there were special reasons for going ahead in the West Indies. And he proceeded to give an earnest of the Government's intention to extend social and economic standards

This is further evidenced by the fact that an Inspector-General of West Indian agriculture has been selected to work along with the Welfare Comptroller, though there will apparently be no more appointments for some time to come to the staff of experts who are ultimately to work for the West Indies.

Dr. Harry Miller Lydenberg, director of the library, said the collection established here for scholars of the 19th and 20th century English and American literature is a treasure comparable to the Folger Library in Washington for Elizabethan scholars.

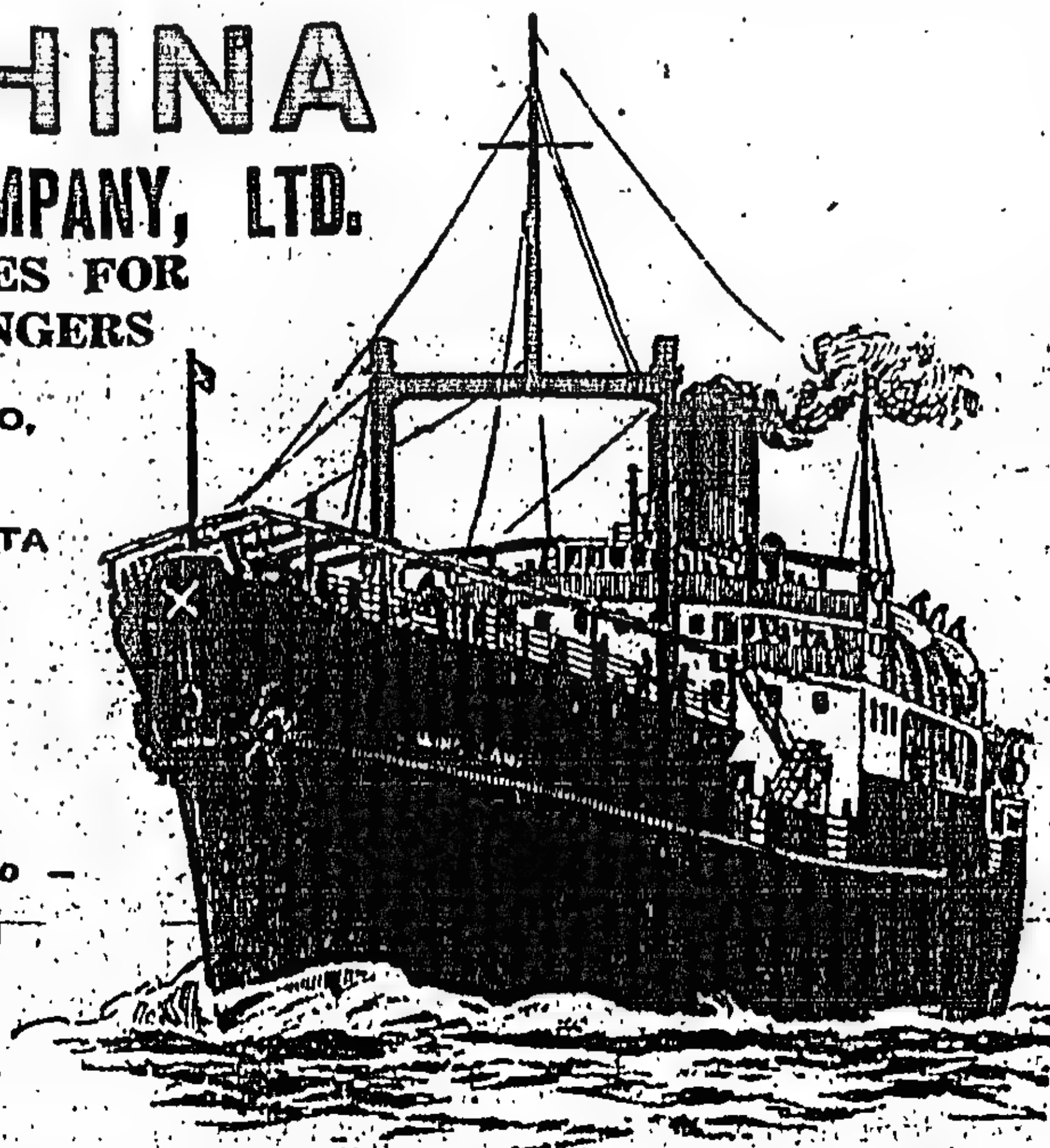
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PULLED OFF THE WEEK'S UPSET BY HUMBLING WAHOOS 7 RUNS TO 2.

Hurler Efegeenia Babida pitched swell ball, and limited the Green Shirted Owls to a four-hitter, backed by a revelation field, only two errors being chalked up against the Redbirds, which constitutes a new low for them.

A finger injury in the first frame put Marina Lavadia out of action, and Rosita Bagajawis had to take over catching duties, to smack Wahoo slabster Jeannette Yolle's first offering for a round-tripper.

After this Wahoo setback, Cardinals knew they had their number, and, although they were retired in order in that inning, they lost no time in banging in two more markers on three safeties in the next stanza. For four frames Wahoos were blanked and could only boast a single by Yvonne Yolle, who was nabbed at third. Connecting again in the fifth, Yvonne romped home for the first Wahoo tally on Rosita's wild heave. Cardinals stowed the game away in ice by replying with three markers on four blows in a row, after two were out.

The only sparkle in the Wahoos' nine-error fielding, was left-fielder Beebun Abbas' catch of Rosita's fly to deep centre, robbing her of a perfect 1,000 stickwork average in her four times up. Jackie Anderson homered for Wahoos in their last time up. It was a mighty wallop that didn't stop rolling till she touched all the bags.

Mound Weakness

In the second game of the Ladies' League, Recreio Ramblarettes trounced Chung Hwa Femmes in a 24 to 9 verdict. Nothing spectacular was shown by both sides, although a definite improvement over last week's force was noticed in the Chung Hwa nine.

The Chinese squad are still suffering from hurting weakness. Frances "Zaza" Lee starting on the mound again but being derided in the first when she threatened to be over-liberal with transportation to first. Ella Chinn, taking over mound duties, was only slightly better and allowed 12 Ramblarette safeties.

Outstanding for the Chung Hwa team was gardener Nellie Siu, whose brilliant display drew rounds of vocal applause from the already bored spectators.

As usual, May Chung was the steady influence in the infield.

For Ramblarettes, Irene Mathias brought off the longest hit of the day, slashing a three-bagger to

the centre patch, but was nailed at the home plate in trying to stretch it into a round-tripper by Ella Chinn, who took the throw-in.

Ginny Remedios, guarding the second sack for Ramblarettes, made the only double killing of the tilt, unassisted, when she held Sally Wong's infield pop and nabbed "Zaza" Lee off second.

32-9 Riot

Faring no better than last week, when Pantherettes took them for a ride, the Florinhas were massacred by the heavy hitting Canuckettes in a 32-9 riot. Interest died after the first two innings, the only thing keeping the fans guessing was how many runs the Canuckettes would make.

The margin of victory would have been considerably lessened had the Florinhas showed more fight, evidenced by the number of runs let in on account of listless throwing-in after fielding.

To say that the Canuckettes sneaked a base would be a gross exaggeration, they didn't have to—they just strolled around them.

In the third frame the Florinhas started a rally which netted them eight runs, but did not follow up the advantage. With bases choked, Nydia Osmund slammed a two-bagger to clear the sacks.

The Little Flowers provided a fielding gem in the fifth, when Lily Silva pulled off a triple play, which nobody realised, by catching Rene Yuen's fly, getting Mary Louie off second and tagging Jean Lee coming down from first.

Cyclones Win

Opening the Men's Senior League schedule for the day, Canadian Chinese suffered their second defeat of the season, this time at the hands of the Cyclones, who triumphed over them by 9 to 5.

Herbie Quon, on the slab for Canucks, showed signs of a repetition of last Sunday's fiasco in the initial stages of the game, by walking no less than six Cyclones in the first to cost four runs, but in the second frame he steadied down and bogged in his fast ones, fanning six and limiting Cyclones to only three blows.

Johnny Delgado, assigned to catching duties, did not go so well and allowed the Cyclones to steal anything they could lay their hands on. Sherry Bux would have stolen his watch if he had had a chain. Pinly Pineda, toting the rubber for Cyclones, held them to five hits, trusting to his fielders, and he had a certain amount of luck. A. K. Markar, holding the initial station, was definitely weak, committing no less than four bobbles. Fortunately only slight damage was done as the runners were left stranded on the sacks.

Manager "Sunburn" Omar, making his bow at the plate in the fourth, nearly broke his back reaching for Quon's first two teasers, and tied himself into a pretzel on his next floater which seemed to him to be a clinch. Barnum must have been thinking of him when he said, "One is born every minute."

The score was knotted at 4-all at the end of the fourth, but a

MACAO TRAINING TIMES

Following were Saturday's training times for Macao ponies on the sand track:

Black Diamond	43	1.22	1.57	35.	
Courneur Bleu	55	1.37	2.14	37	
Cloudy Star	48	1.32	2.10	38	
Fairy Auk	44	1.26	2.04	2.42	38.
Fairy Ousel	50	1.16			36
Iron Knight	52	1.37	2.18		41
Mac's Adventure	42	1.20	1.55	2.39	34
Meadow Eve	42	1.18			36
National Anthem	53	1.40	2.20		40
National Triumph	53	1.39	2.17		38
Persian Cat	50	1.32	2.2.10		37.3
Rothsay Bay	40	1.19			39
Sports Venture	44	1.26	2.04	2.42	38
The Mermale	50	1.32	2.2.08		35.3

TO-DAY'S CESAREWITCH

Following are the probable starters and jockeys for the Cesarewitch at Newmarket today: Cheerful Star (Perryman) Tutor (E. Smith), King Legend (D. Smith), Owens Town (Taylor), Belnearg (Nevett), Kepton (G. Thin), Finis (Harry Wragg), Hunters Moon (Gordon Richards), Sir Roger (Mullins), Wayward Miss (Richardson), Snipe Week (Dick) and Solonaise (Robertson). Jockeys have not been obtained for the following: Spaisimist, Sir Pomm, Queen Of Shiraz, Little wood and Trimaroma.—Reuter.

passed ball by Delgado allowed Markar to trot home with a run to take the lead again. Four more runs in the sixth cinched the game for the Cyclones.

Indians Win Easily

Outhitting the Filipinos, Indians walked away with their first victory by a 10-4 decision. Every Indian accounted for a hit, except first-sacker Madeen Arculli. They fielded tightly, only being guilty of three bobbles, of which A. K. Omar had two chalked against him.

In the night-cap Saints went to town at the expense of Chinese Baseballers. Limiting them to only four scratch singles, Frankie "Bashful" Gonsalves, ace left-handed hurler for Saints, pitched his team to victory, supported by million dollar infield backing.

For five innings Chinese Baseballers couldn't get a runner on second, and only managed a marker in the sixth on two successive safeties, after Saints had decided to put in their substitutes. Their second and last run came in when Fisher scored on Manson's muff of Young's fly to short-centre. Saints blasted twirler Tuffy Chinn all over the place, and collected 13 safeties off him, of which both Dave and Stan Leonard accounted for three each in five trips to the platter, whilst "Ozo" Ozorio and Frankie Gonsalves were credited with two each. George "Strawberry" Souza, sure-hit lead off man, was most disappointing, batting fly balls which were all snared in his five times at bat. "Tut! Tut! George."

The Chinese were expected to do better than to take the game as a lost cause, especially in the fourth, when every Saint scored a run except Souza and Powlawski.

In the lone tilt in Junior Division, Royal Septs, defeated 8th R.A. Gunners by 10 to 4.

BETTING WITH THE TIDE AT RACES

I REMEMBER JOE SMITH ONCE TELLING ME THAT THE BLACKPOOL GROUND HAD OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS MOVED SOME FEET THROUGH THE ACTION OF THE TIDES. NOW HERE'S A STORY OF A RACECOURSE WHICH IS ALSO AFFECTED BY SEA INFLUENCES, WRITES A HOME CORRESPONDENT.

At Durban, where the big handicap carries the third richest prize-money in the Empire, lots of knowledgeable old punters don't make their bets until they've studied the tide chart.

Owing to the track being almost level with the sea, and also the prevalence of mud and sand on which Durban is built, a high spring tide will send the water seeping through to the course. Trainers say that when that happens the going is markedly heavier!

The race, worth about £6,000 to the winning owner, is the highlight of the winter season and attracts everybody to Durban from the Governor-General down.

Sir Abe Bailey used frequently to enter horses, and a liberal estimate of the betting throughout the Union centring on the race is about £1,000,000.

Incidentally, the Greyville track, over which the event is decided, runs round Royal Durban Club golf course. We are told that shorts putts have been known to circle the hole just after the "off."

THOMPSON PROMINENT FOR CLUB

Hong Kong Hockey Club had no difficulty in overwhelming Khalsa Hockey Club in a friendly hockey encounter at King's Park yesterday afternoon, winning by three clear goals after scoring ones in the first period.

Despite the fact that they were one short in defence, the winners were on top throughout.

Thompson played a brilliant game in defence—he was the only back in front of Benwell—while M. B. N. Whitley was the best of the halves. E. Fowler and D. C. Smith combined well in attack and were ably supported by the other forwards.

For the Indians, M. H. Hussain, and Balwant Singh were their outstanding halves, while Attar Singh and A. M. Pinto were the best in the attack.

E. Fowler, S. A. Fowler and D. C. Smith were the goal-scorers for the winners.

Club: Benwell. R. G. K. Thompson, A. E. P. Guest, W. A. Reed and M. B. N. Whitley; S. A. Fowler, T. W. D. Whitley, E. Fowler, D. C. Smith and Channa Singh (Khalsa).

Khalsa:—Makhian Singh; Karnal Singh and J. S. Grewal; Balwant Singh; M. H. Hussain and Bhag Singh; Attar Singh, Jaggeet Singh, Pyara Singh, A. M. Pinto and Jangeer Singh.

"Y" HOCKEY TEAMS

Following will represent Y.M.C.A. in hockey matches on the "Y" ground this week:

To-morrow, "A" XI v H.K.S.R.A. (5 p.m.): Benwell; Jordan and Saxby; Croft, Pennington and Waldron; Spence-lay, Ure, Colledge, Dunne and Ireson.

Saturday, 1st XI v Khalsa (4.15 p.m.): Benwell; Killen and Yourieff; Pennington, Coombe and Waldron; M'lin, Moran, Ure, Dunno and Bates.

2nd XI v Royal Scots Juniors (3 p.m.): Smithlock; Hoptonstall and Saxby; Smith, Tomlinson and Gilchrist; High-lands, McGahan, Dormer, Ireson and Banks.

M'SEX. HAVE MAN WITH THE RIGHT NAME

Middlesex have found another "hot" man, and with the right name! F. W. Hobbs, who scored 71 for C.C.C. v. Sir Pelham Warner's eleven at Lord's, and later proved himself the best fielder in the match, is ready for county cricket as soon as the championship is resumed.

Other chief features of the near-thing verdict for Sir Plum's team was the fine all-round cricket of the Irishman E. A. Ingram, who batted well for 43, and the batting of Denis Compton.

Denis got a good 101 after being missed at 18. His brother, Leslie, booked his place in the next Middlesex eleven as a wicket-keeper.

Pilot Officer R. M. Taylor received well-deserved public congratulations on his recent D.F.C. all the way to the vic-

Inter- School Aquatics

Yesterday at V.R.C., following qualified for the finals of the Inter-School Swimming Championships, which will be held in the V.R.C. pool on Friday next at 2 p.m.

100 Yards free-style:—J. Chalmers (Wah Yan); Yee Tung-lun (St. Joseph's); D. Young (St. Joseph's); W. Teo (St. Stephen's); J. Gomez (La Salle).

50 Yards back-stroke:—Fung Che-wan (King's); Ronald Ho (St. Joseph's); A. Lopez (La Salle); J. Chalmers (Wah Yan); Ip Ting-yue (St. Stephen's).

100 Yards breast-stroke:—Cheng Tsap-hay (Wah Yan); Ng Kam-yeung (Wah Yan); Cheang Koon-tam (St. Joseph's); Fung Wai-cheong (King's); Choy Kai-ming (King's).

50 Yards free-style:—J. Gomez (La Salle); M. Young (La Salle); Chan Pak-cheung (St. Paul's); A. Fong (St. Joseph's); W. Teo (St. Stephen's).

Diving (High):—Fung Fec-wan (King's); Lee Wing-hon (St. Joseph's); Donald Young (St. Joseph's); Marcus Ng (La Salle); C. Gutierrez (La Salle).

150 Yards medley relay:—La Salle College; Wah Yan College; St. Joseph's College; St. Stephen's College; King's College.

200 Yards free-style:—J. Gomez (La Salle); Yee Tung-lun (St. Joseph's); Donald Young (St. Joseph's); A. Sandberg (La Salle); W. Teo (St. Stephen's).

50 Yards breast-stroke:—Choy Kai-ming (King's); Koon Wai-cheong (King's); Chang Tsap-hay (Wah Yan); Ng Kam-yeung (Wah Yan); Wong Lok-tim (St. Stephen's).

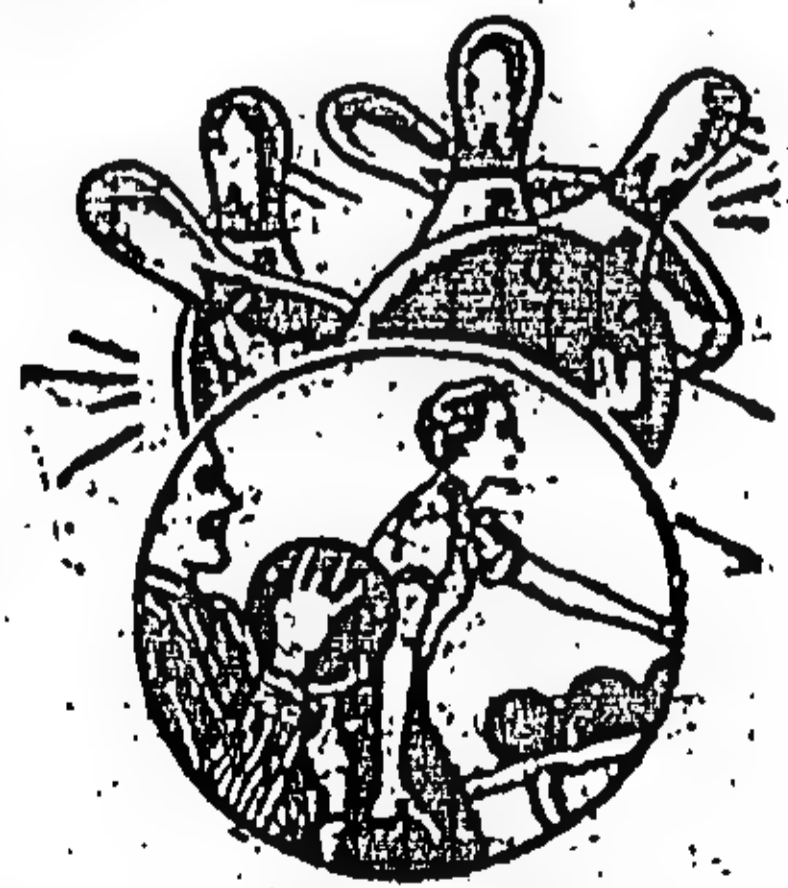
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200 Yards free-style relay:—St. Joseph's College; La Salle College; St. Stephen's College; Wah Yan College; King's College.

ket. Ingram, however, did what the Helsinki couldn't by defeating him with quick acceleration.

A gentle hint from Plum caused the Conference to declare at 3-50—five minutes sooner than they had intended to do. Leslie Compton struck a winning four-three minutes from time.

Seven thousand watched, £171 was taken at the gate and £1 for each of Compton's runs in the Red Cross and St. John collecting boxes.



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NAVY 14 RECOVER TO DRAW

LED AT THE INTERVAL BY 6-0, A TEAM OF 14 NAVAL PLAYERS RECOVERED WELL IN THE SECOND HALF TO DRAW WITH ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS 6 ALL IN A FRIENDLY RUGBY GAME AT CAUSEWAY BAY YESTERDAY.

Navy saw more of the ball from the scrums in the first half, but Medicals were on top in this department in the second period.

MacDonald and Mohan scored unconverted tries for Medicals in the first half, and Robinson scored both tries for Navy, King just failing to convert the first.

Navy would have won had Bucknell not attempted to touch down between the posts after having crossed the line. He was tackled and dropped the ball.

R.A.M.C.: — Bartley; Macdonald, Coombes, Pratt and Whybro; Harvey, Scriven; Wigglesworth, Chandler, Milne; Collins, Funnell; Mohan, Van Mullingen and Edge.

Navy "A": — Wood; Robinson, Grace, Addis and Wilson; E. A. Bucknell and E. A. Wilson; Stockham, King, Beattie; Davis, Wilkinson, Brewer and Garbett.



TO-DAY'S GAME

Club "A" will meet Artillery at Rugby at the Valley to-day, commencing at 5 p.m. sharp.

The Club team is as follows: H. F. Hopkins; H. van Leeuwen, M. G. Carruthers, D. Hynes and P. B. Wilson; T. O. Morgan and F. J. C. Clemo; J. Moodie, W. Stoker, A. M. Kennedy; R. G. Gairdner, C. F. Needham; J. M. Thomson, G. B. Godfrey and A. G. Dalziel.

J. Redman will be the referee. R.A.: — 2/Lieut. Clague (5th A.A. Regt.); L/Bdr. Richards (12th Heavy Battery, R.A.); Gnr. Giblin (5th A.A. Regt.); Gnr. Keeble (24th Hvy. Bty.); Sgt. Marsh (12th Hvy. Bty.); Capt. G. W. Hook (30th Hvy. Bty.); Gnr. Dobbinson (5th A.A. Regt.); 2/Lieut. Heath (5th A.A. Regt.); 2/Lieut. Deldadell (12th Hvy. Regt.); L/Bdr. McDermott (12th Hvy. Bty.); Sgt. Page (5th A.A. Regt.); L/Bdr. Whitehead (5th A.A. Regt.); Gnr. Evans (5th A.A. Regt.); Gnr. Mullen (5th A.A. Regt.). N40eth

MITCHELL SHOWS PROMISE

AN OTHERWISE UNINTERESTING GAME BETWEEN INDIAN R.C. JUNIORS AND CIVIL SERVICE C.C. SECONDS LAST SATURDAY WAS BRIGHTENED CONSIDERABLY BY A FORCEFUL INNINGS BY G. AINSIE, WHO SCORED 63 OUT OF 83, INCLUDING 13 FOURS, AND FINE BOWLING BY J. MITCHELL WHO GAVE AWAY 15 RUNS IN 5 OVERS FOR 1 WICKET.

Although Ainsie was lucky in that he had some very loose bowling to deal with, he nevertheless hit the ball very hard, and in the middle every time. He should endeavour to develop his defence, and with more match experience should prove an asset to C.S.C.C. seniors.

It can be said without any fear of contradiction that the most promising bowler C.S.C.C. has had for the past two decades is young J. Mitchell, a left-handed round-the-wicket medium-paced bowler.

Unlike most young fellows, Mitchell does not sacrifice length for pace. He comes in with his arm and then goes away again, and if he finds a "spot" he will be the most difficult bowler to play in Second Division.

I do not know if the C.S.C.C. authorities are "nursing" Mitchell for another season, but a match or two with the senior eleven should give this promising youngster all the encouragement he needs. Good left-handed bowlers are so scarce these days that it would be a great pity if somebody did not take Mitchell in hand in time.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADY"

RUGBY FOOTBALL

TO-DAY Middlesex will be playing Service Corps at Rugby at Prince Edward Road, but will only be able to field a weak team owing to Military exercises.

Last week Sappers, who are without Waite this season, proved their worth by beating a strong Royal Scots XV by 12 points to nil. Royals, on the other hand, had a very strong team with several Army players in their side.

Sheldrake is outstanding in the Sappers' pack and is always up on the ball, but he lacks support from his other forwards.

HOCKEY

AT Shamshuipo last Sunday Middlesex 1st XI defeated a strong C.B.A. team by 3 goals to 1 in a fine exhibition of hockey. The Diehards' well-deserved the honours, and goals were scored by Hymas, Sheehan, and Caul.

This season Middlesex have not lost a game yet.

They have a strong defence in Winfield, who plays a sound game between the sticks and who has a very keen eye for a likely shot. Stickley, the Colony and Army player, also takes a lot of beating while Freshwater, his partner, is very sound. P. S. M. Ure, at right-half is a sticker and worries the winger all the time. Sgt. Crowley, also another Army player, is an excellent centre-half, and Sgt. Waldron, at left-half, plays a very solid type of game. The latter also plays for the Y.M.C.A. 1st team.

STILL 100 PER CENT.

SAPPERS' 2nd XI, who have still a 100 per cent. record, added another two victories to their credit by defeating "C" Company Royal Scots, and Hong Kong Signal Company last week.

Moore proved that his capabilities as a winger are not to be overlooked, and, considering that this is his first effort in this position, he should retain his place in the team. I think that the Engineers' troubles are over regards finding a suitable player for this position. Bridge and Sheldrake are a fine pair of backs and have proved almost impregnable.

In their second game against Signals they won by 3 goals to 2. Signals, however, were unlucky to lose and, owing to numerous other sporting fixtures on hand, could field only a weak team. Westwood and Lieut. Arundell excelled themselves, the former recording the "hat trick."

SMALL UNITS FOOTBALL

AT Happy Valley on Monday R.A.S.C. were given a surprise by "C" Company Royal Scots, who defeated them in the second round of the competition by the odd goal in five.

The game was rather even throughout, but owing to a mis-

No Rugby League Merger

Yorkshire Rugby League clubs are to carry on with their County League competition next season irrespective of the uncertainty in Lancashire.

A suggestion that Yorkshire and Lancashire clubs should merge into one competition was not approved.

Heard At Lord's

You can still pick up J. W. H. T. Douglas' stories at Lord's. Here's the latest:

Once in Australia when "Johnny-Won't-Hit-To-day" went to the wicket looking even more Gibraltar-like than usual, one pavilion critic but another that more trains would pass over a bridge in sight than the imperturbable one would make runs. The trains won by 13.

take by the centre-half, Young, who sent the ball into his own goal, Corps lost the game.

Sadler was not given much scope and was well-watched all the game, Hossack, of the Royals, was also well-marked but managed to get through to net twice. At the interval the score was two goals in favour of the Royals, who increased their score to three just after the re-start, when Young, not seeing his goalkeeper out of the goal, sent the ball back into the net.

SMALL UNITS SWIMMING

ON Tuesday evening Small Units held their swimming gala, but unfortunately only two teams competed.

R.A.S.C. were the winners of the Anon. Relay Cup, and Hong Kong Signal Company won the Russell Relay Cup, and also the Kay Lee Cup for winning the 1940 Departmental Water-Polo League.

It is good to see that units of the Garrison are supporting the Swimming Classes which are being held during the Winter months at Y.M.C.A. under the supervision of Mr. E. W. Raiton. So far there are about 80 members, of which Gunners have the highest percentage.

ROWING REGATTA

SAPPERS are holding a rowing regatta in the near future, and teams are having plenty of early morning rowing practice much to the annoyance of the inhabitants of Wanchai, who are strongly protesting against the wettings they are receiving!

(We understood they were cutters and not M.T.Bs.)

ARMY CRICKET TEAMS

Following will represent the Army First XI in a friendly cricket match against Hong Kong Cricket Club at Sookunpoo on Saturday next at 2 p.m.—Capt. Lawrence, Brig. McLeod, Sgt. French, Sig. Dixon, Pte. Hatfield, Major Swyer, Pte. Bateman, L/Cpl. Murphy, 2nd/Lieut. Plummer, Gnr. Barsby and 2nd/Lieut. Ansari.

Army 2nd XI to meet Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps at Sookunpoo on Sunday at 11 a.m. is as follows:—Major D. C. E. Grose, 2nd/Lieut. T. A. Pearce, L/Cpl. Shaw, L/Cpl. Logan, Sgt. Denyer, Sgt. Webb, Spr. Tropp, Pte. Hatfield, Major W. G. Harvey, Pte. Emmerson and Lieut. Coombes.

CHESS RESULTS

Matches played in the Junior championship of Kowloon Chess Club yesterday resulted as follows: A. Benjamin beat J. Walther; J. H. D'Almeida beat C. Lee; V. V. Kolatchoff beat F. A. Ebel.

EPINARD VICTIM OF THE NAZIS

THIS IS THE STORY OF CORPORAL WILLCOCKS (NEVER MIND THE UNIT), TOLD ME IN THE DOG AND PHEASANT, SOMEWHERE IN SUSSEX, WRITES L. V. MANNING.

It concerns the fate of Epinard, one of the greatest racehorses up to a mile in the past 20 years and famous for an unforgettable Stewards' Cup triumph at Goodwood in 1932.

The period is the B.E.F.'s record evacuation from France and the scene some park land near Rouen.

Willcocks, driving an ambulance with the Germans pressing hard, was hailed by an Irish stud groom who had in his charge three horses.

One of them was a veteran with a game leg. "That's Epinard," said the Irishman sadly. "They want me to shoot him, but I'd rather shoot myself."

A mile or so back Willcocks had seen the Jerries planting trench mortars around a string of racehorses, led by a boy, for the joy of driving them into a mad frenzy of fear before destroying them. It confirmed other stories which have reached me of German airmen diving over fields where cattle grazed and machine-gunning them "just for practice."

Shadow Of Slaughter House

The value of the best-known stallions in France before the surrender can be set at half a million pounds. Add all the horses in training, commencing with Djebel, the wonder colt, and it runs into millions!

Lord Derby, as well as the Aga Khan, had invaluable horses in France, including Fair Copy, winner of the 1,000 Guineas.

We know none got away. It isn't pleasant to contemplate their fate.

The few who survived may be turned loose for a while, but with famine threatening France this winter their horrible end can be guessed.

IT WAS Epinard

Checking up on Corporal Willcocks' story with the world's greatest bloodstock authority, I gathered that after Epinard had crossed the Atlantic six times, his owner, M. Wertheimer, retired him to his stud farm at St. Leonard Des Parcs, which is many miles from Rouen.

No doubt an attempt was being made to get him to the coast.

The game leg mentioned by Willcocks is part identification, but more convincing is his mention of the Irish stud groom. I learn that it was an Irishman who for years has been Epinard's devoted bodyguard. His name is Jim O'Brien and he was a great international racing character.



ARMY SOCCER TRIAL

Following have been chosen to participate in an Army football trial game at Sookunpoo to-day at 4.30 p.m.:

PROBABLES—Moxham (Engineers); Freshwater (Middlesex) and Hamlen (Service Corps); Birrell (Engineers); Guy (30th R.A.) and Wilkinson (Middlesex); Coomer (Middlesex); Morgan (Service Corps); Fox (Engineers); Clarke (Service Corps) and Martin (Service Corps).

POSSIBLES—Duncan (Royal Scots); Naysmith (Royal Scots) and Lawson (Royal Artillery); Shaw (Engineers); Bright (Middlesex) and Falconer (Royal Scots); Lam Wai-lun (Engineers); Pearson (Middlesex); Hossack (Royal Scots); Young (Service Corps) and Duffield (Ordnance).

Reserves: — Pelham (Engineers); Jackson (Middlesex); Parnaby (Royal Scots) and Hole (Royal Artillery).

On paper, the following appears to be the strongest eleven possible:—Moxham; Freshwater and Naysmith; Birrell, Bright and Wilkinson; Lam Wai-lun, Pearson, Hossack or Fox; Young and Martin.

Saw is a notable absentee from the above teams, while Edmunds and Cutbert of R.A.F. are also available.

REFEREES' XI

Referees Association have chosen the following to meet Press in the annual football match on November 11: E. C. Ford; S. Wilson, N. Fraser; Lee Bing-tong, A. Brackenbury, D. Dennee; A. W. Smith, K. K. Ip, G. R. Taylor, J. Carley, King Kai-kue, Reserves, —R. Baker, W. M. Glover, W. H. Fowler.

P. O. Brown will be referee and J. Ammons and J. H. Williamson, linesmen. M. Minahan is team manager.

It is easy to picture the heart-break of that parting. Willcocks thought that the other two horses were Doctor Dolittle and the sprinter Old Riley. It might have been Old Riley, who disappeared from the Stud Book in 1937, but Doctor Dolittle was sold to Sweden some months ago.

The other horse is more likely to have been a chestnut son of Epinard named Lafayette, who held the French time record for five furlongs.



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NEW DELHI CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE EASTERN GROUP CONFERENCE AT NEW DELHI ON WAR SUPPLIES WILL BE THE SCENE OF AT LEAST INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON BROAD QUESTIONS OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THE CONFERENCE PROPER.

Several delegations are anxious to take advantage of the presence of so many Empire representatives for this purpose, and it is believed that discussions between the Commerce Department of the Government of India and certain delegations will start shortly.—Reuter.

DECISIVE SPHERE

Declaring that the British Navy stood between the Dictators and the free people of the Western Hemisphere, Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, yesterday expressed appreciation of the release of 50 United States destroyers to Britain and welcomed the move to lease naval bases to the United States.

Mr. Alexander said: "Because I feel that so long as we can continue to resist successfully (as we are doing with the courage and fortitude of our people and

Great Fires Left At Kiel And Hamburg

WARSHIPS UNDER construction at Hamburg, Bremen and Kiel were heavily attacked by aircraft of the British Bomber Command on Monday night, it was announced in London yesterday.

Extensive damage was caused by high explosive bombs and fires were started by incendiaries. Great fires visible for 40 miles were left burning in the Blom and Voss yards at Hamburg and also at Kiel, where repeated hits were scored in and around the Deutsche Werke yards.

The heavily defended naval base at Wilhelmshaven, says the Air Ministry news service, was attacked by relays of heavy bombers for nearly an hour and salvos of high explosive bombs were seen to burst on the dock

the gallantry of our pilots in air attacks on these islands), and sea power will eventually encompass the enemy's destruction, I hope that the Royal Navy may look for even greater co-operation in this decisive sphere of the fight for victory and freedom."—Reuter.

sides and on barracks.

Fires started by the first attackers were still burning strongly when later British sorties arrived on the scene. The naval port at Emden was also attacked and bombs were seen to explode in the petrol storage area.

Oil Depots Bombed

A mineral oil refinery at Hamburg was also the object of a second striking force which attacked Hamburg in the early evening before the raid on the shipyards developed.

Fires were started here and also at Cologne where oil supplies were again the target.—Reuter.

Fierce Fires

The mineral oil refinery at Hamburg, extensively damaged in Sunday night's raid, was the objective of a second striking force in the early evening shortly before the raid on the shipyards began. Visibility was good and, attacking out of a cloudless sky, the raiders straddled the refinery with high explosive bombs.

The pilot of one aircraft making a second run over the target reported his bombs started a long row of fierce fires in the refinery area.

Particularly intense anti-aircraft fire from heavy calibre guns was encountered by the Hamburg raiders. Shell bursts from batteries which appeared to line both banks of the River Elbe followed them from the estuary up through the city.

Oil supply centres at Hamburg and Cologne were also attacked and fires started.

The raid on the Cologne refinery began at 7.45 p.m. and after half an hour of repeated attacks a red glow, which could be seen even from above the cloud layer, gave evidence of the extent of the fire which had been raking below.

Alternative Targets

Other aircraft, prevented by weather conditions from locating their objectives, found and attacked alternative targets which included docks at Cuxhaven, industrial plant near Homburg and a canal concentration of fifty to sixty barges.

In attacks on German rail communication centres, hits were scored on railway yards at Krefeld and Coblenz and fires started in a goodsyard at Cologne.

Nineteen aerodromes in Germany and in occupied territory were raided during the night. Direct hits were scored on a group of hangars in a low-level attack on the aerodrome at Pöhl and at Eyero, near Brussels, and fires broke out among airport buildings.—British Wireless.

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STOP PRESS

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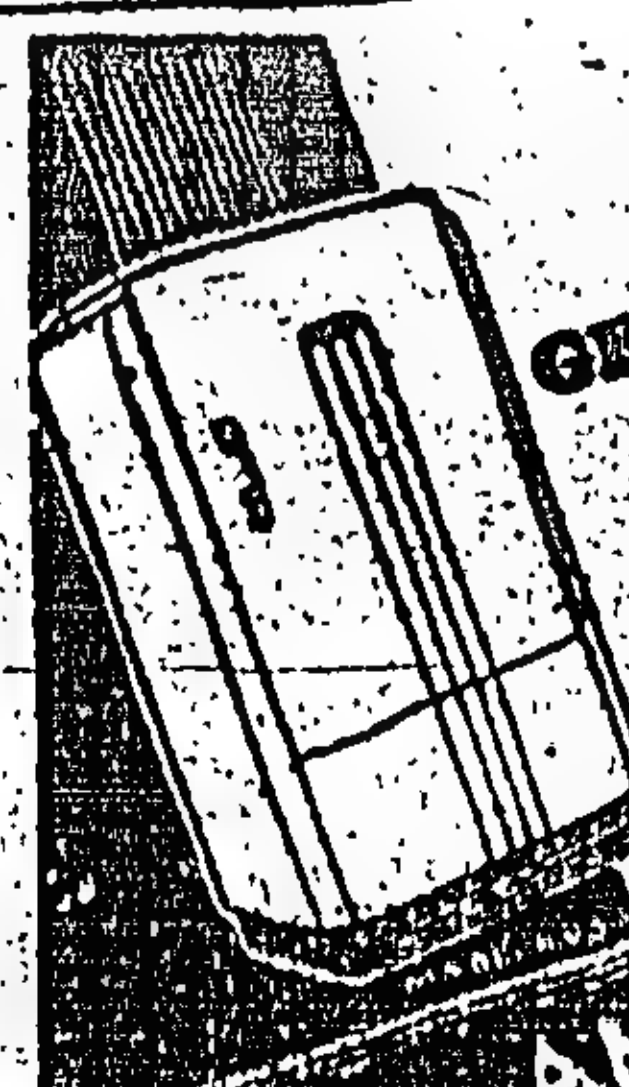
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FRANCE SOLD OUT BY LAVAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was learned from an unimpeachable source in Budapest yesterday that Hitler and Mussolini have agreed on the terms of a separate peace with France.

The Dictators reached this decision at their Florence meeting, and it is stated that further direct Franco-German and Franco-Italian conferences will take place before final steps are taken.

It is believed that M. Pierre Laval, French Vice-Premier

and Foreign Minister, will go to Italy soon to sign "certain most important documents," including modification of the armistice terms to permit the Italians to use French warships and bases.—International News Service.

While the British air attack on Malteza, first officially announced British action on behalf of Greece, caused a surge of confidence among the populace of Athens, on the Albanian front 200,000 advancing Italians have driven into Greece on an average depth of six miles, penetrating ten miles at one point where the Italian spearhead is driving towards Malsio, Petra and Yanina.

Desperate fighting has been reported between Italian Alpine troops and the famous kilted Greek "Evzones" in the Italian drive against Florina, an important railway junction apparently the immediate Italian objective.

Florina had been subjected to artillery and aerial bombardment since early on Monday, and the London newspapers publish a despatch from Tirana stating that the Italians have broken the Greek defence lines opposite the town.

Despite the cracking of the first line the Greek High Command is reported to be satisfied with the progress of operations in the north. It is officially stated that the British "have taken every disposition to help Greece."

Corfu Battle

British and Italian troops who landed at Corfu simultaneously are reported from Budapest to be locked in battle for the possession of the island.

Reports of an Anglo-Italian naval clash are still being received but no confirmation can be obtained from official sources.

First official word in Rome on the war is given in a communique which states: "At dawn on Monday our troops concentrated in Albania crossed the Greek frontier, penetrating into enemy country."

(Continued on Page 10)

that Rumania and Bulgaria are in complete German control.

Though reiterating Japan's obligation to give Italy military, political and economic assistance, the paper advises the Government to await further developments of the situation and to take into account geographical relations as well as the "objectives looming behind British diplomacy concerning the Italo-Greek war." —Reuter.

American Pilot And Eight Passengers Killed

Pilot W. C. Kent, at the controls of the C.N.A.C. air liner which was shot down by Japanese pursuit planes near the Yunnan-Kweichow border yesterday, was killed in the attack, the "China Mail" learns from reliable sources.

In addition to Kent, who was an American, eight of the nine passengers on board the air liner were killed, either by Japanese bullets or when the plane crashed.

The rest of the crew, believed to number two, and the other passenger were injured, though there is no indication if their condition is serious.

Marines Take No Chances

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES IN SHANGHAI HAVE ORDERED OFFICERS OF THE 4TH U.S. MARINES TO MOVE THEIR RESIDENCES FROM THE FRENCH CONCESSION AND OTHER PARTS OF THE SETTLEMENT TO A ZONE INCLUDED IN THE AMERICAN DEFENCE SECTOR IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE SETTLEMENT.

The measure is explained by the necessity of placing these officers in a position to answer emergency calls.

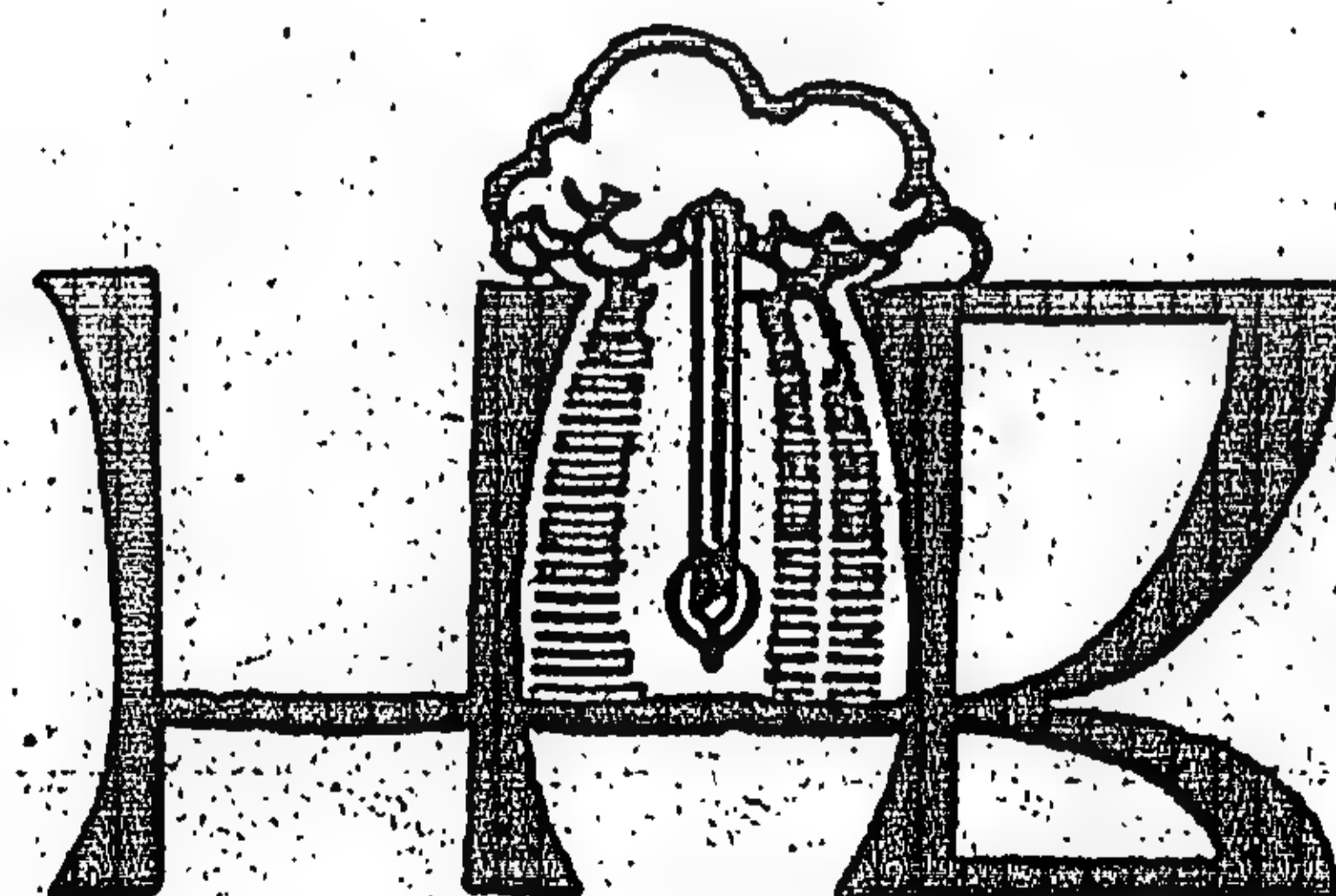
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At the same time it is learned that officers and men stationed inside the new zone will not be permitted outside the area after midnight.—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North-east winds, moderate to fresh; fine to cloudy.

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JAPAN TO STICK TO SIDELINE?

THE WAR BETWEEN Italy and Greece is nothing other than a fresh struggle between Italy and Britain for supremacy in Greece and the surrounding seas, according to the Tokyo "Asahi Shimbun."

Under the heading "Outbreak of Italo-Greek hostilities and Axis powers," the paper expects the new war will probably develop in the whole eastern Mediterranean and Egypt.

The Italian war against Greece is a fresh offensive for the construction of a new order in Europe, for which Japan, as a partner in the construction of a new world order, is under obligation through the new tripartite treaty to give wholehearted assistance to Italy.

It is further recalled in this connection that the Axis powers have so far simultaneously made untiring efforts for the construction of a new order and the attainment of their objectives in their respective spheres of activities in close cooperation.

Danger For Greece!

Commenting on the same subject, the "Chugai Shogyo" warns Greece under the heading "Italo-Greek war and the Balkans" that it is dangerous for her to challenge Italy under the assumption that Britain and Turkey will instantly come to her aid now

CONFIDENCE IN GREECE

Operations Going Satisfactorily



Ernest Finch, a South London boy, is the pride of the district in which he lives. During recent raids he extinguished four incendiary bombs and on another occasion swam a canal to rescue a woman and two babies who were buried beneath an Anderson shelter. His own home was also bombed. Ernest made a shy figure when posing for his picture. (Copyright, Fox).

ALTHOUGH NEWS from the northern battle front is still very scanty it was known in Athens early yesterday that the Greek High Command was satisfied with the progress of the operations.

The efforts of Greece to mobilise Balkan support have been successful up to a point.

British Raid On Air Base

Naval aircraft from British ships of the Mediterranean Fleet have carried out an attack on Malteza, capital of the island of Stampalia, in the Dodecanese, the nearest Italian air base to Athens, said an Admiralty communique issued in London yesterday.

A hangar was hit and set on fire and an aeroplane slipway was damaged by a direct hit. A considerable number of bombs was dropped on barracks and in an ammunition dump area, causing heavy explosions which continued for some time after the aircraft had left the area. Incendiary bombs were also scattered over the target area. All our aircraft returned safely. —Reuter.

HITLER'S ARMIES IN SOUTHEAST

Germany has no fewer than 70 divisions of troops in south-eastern Europe.

A military expert in London said yesterday that the employment of this force must depend on its using suitable country and the extent of petrol supplies available.

Only a small number of German troops are at present in Rumania.

It is suggested that extensive military action towards Turkey may not be imminent but there is a possibility of reinforcement of these troops by the Danube through Hungary and Yugoslavia. —Reuter.

GREEK SHIPS STANDSTILLED

IMMEDIATE STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO SEE THAT THE GREEK MERCHANT NAVY DOES NOT FALL INTO AXIS HANDS.

Five ships at Lisbon have been ordered to remain there until further notice.

Among them is a former Anchor Line steamer, the Tuscania, of 10,991 tons, whose crew have asked to be repatriated.

Fourteen other Greek ships at Funchal have been ordered to remain there until further notice. —Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone over Japan has moved eastward into the Pacific, and another of moderate intensity has developed over China. Pressure is relatively low from the southern China Sea, eastward to the Marianas and the Carolines.

Responsible quarters in Athens state that the position adopted by Turkey is that she is prepared to "neutralise" the Bulgarians in order that the Greek army can be used almost exclusively against Italy.

It is learned that assurances have been received in Athens that Bulgaria does not intend to depart from neutrality but if later, under external pressure, Bulgaria should abandon her neutrality, it is understood Turkey would give Greece active support.

Meanwhile the Turks are believed to be prepared to supply Greece with whatever material aid they can.

Messages indicating that the Yugoslav public fully support Greece are displayed in the Athens press and have helped to increase the confidence of the Greeks in their ability to resist successfully. —Reuter.

ITALIAN OUTPOST SURPRISED

How British artillery, assisted by infantry, cleaned up an Italian motorised outpost totalling about 300 vehicles at Alamniveiwa, 16 miles south of Sidi Barrani, was told by a gun captain to Reuter's special correspondent somewhere in the Western Desert yesterday.

Establishment of the Italian outpost was reported to advanced British headquarters by a desert patrol and the following night a British column moved up under cover of darkness within 8,000 yards of the Italians.

The column camouflaged itself and lay down all next day on the desert sand in a blazing sun undiscovered by the Italians.

Then, at dusk, all the British guns let fly together while aircraft circled round dropping bombs. The British fired over 200 rounds.

The Italians appeared completely surprised, and the last thing the British saw before withdrawing was a huge column of smoke rising from the Italian camp. —Reuter.

GREEKS RALLYING TO FIGHT

GREEKS ALL OVER THE WORLD ARE RALLYING TO THE COLOURS OR, WHERE THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, TRYING TO JOIN THE BRITISH ARMY.

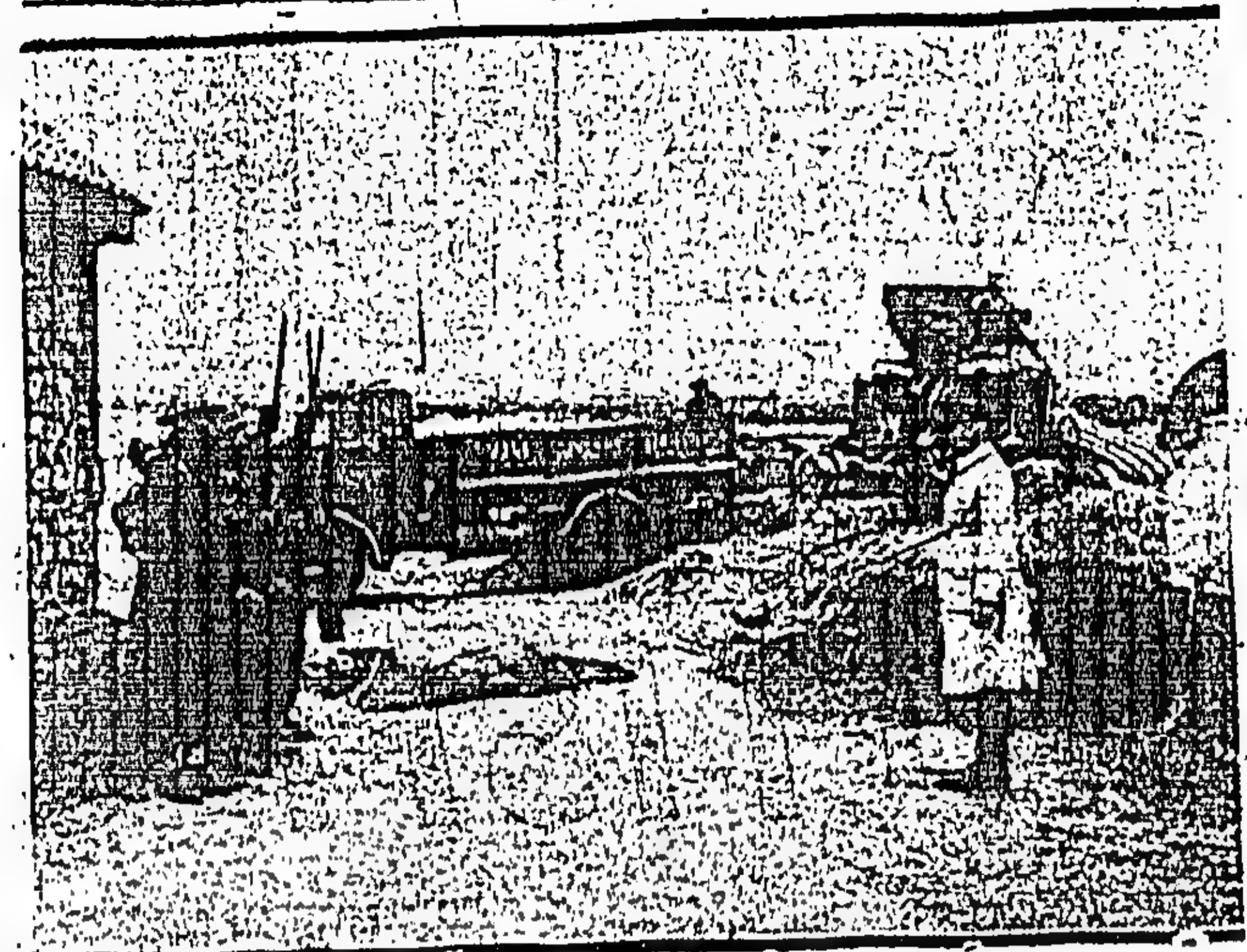
Greeks in London are clamouring to be allowed to fight.

In Istanbul, crowds of Greek youths are besieging the Greek Legation demanding to be sent home to fight.

An army of 20,000 Greeks is being raised in Egypt. —Reuter.

DROWNED IN POOL

A seven-year-old boy, Chiu Kam-ling, was drowned in a pool in Kowloon City yesterday afternoon.



Lt. Gen. Sir Ronald F. Adam, Bart, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., General Officer Commanding in Chief, Northern Command, on a tour of inspection of some of the defences on the Northumbrian Coast. The G.O.C. is taking the Guard's salute. (Copyright, Fox).

DIPLOMATS STILL IN ROME AND ATHENS

The Italian Ambassador, Signor Grazi, continues at his post in Athens while M. Politis, Greek Ambassador to Italy, is still in Rome, according to the official German news agency yesterday. —Reuter.

Advance Of Pay

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It is learned in Shanghai that members of the Fourth U.S. Marines will be allowed three months advance pay in order to send their dependents home.

These dependents will probably be completely evacuated from Shanghai at the end of next month.

First group will leave in the Monterey on Nov. 3, while the remainder will travel in the Mariposa in the middle of November.

The liner Washington is arriving on Nov. 17 to evacuate other local American residents. —Havas.

RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL IN JAPAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

NEWLY REVISED REGULATIONS RESTRICTING TRAVEL IN JAPAN WILL BE ENFORCED ON DECEMBER 1, ACCORDING TO THE TOKYO "ASAHI" YESTERDAY.

Railways will be allowed to refuse tickets to those not on urgent business while the transport of personal gifts and other non-essential freight will be restricted.

Sale of passenger tickets will be stopped when rail traffic is exceptionally heavy, for instance, during the New Year holidays. —Havas.

SHANGHAI WAR FUND COLLECTIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

During its first year of operation the Central British War Fund in Shanghai collected over £44,000. It was revealed at the general meeting of the committee. —Havas.

TURKISH POLICY DEFINED

Inquiries in well-informed quarters in Ankara yesterday tended to confirm that Turkish policy in the Italo-Greek conflict will be non-belligerence though not disinterestedness in the outcome of the conflict.

Turkish sympathy is solidly behind Greece and should Bulgaria make a hostile move it is firmly believed Turkey would also move.

Generally, Turkey's policy will be influenced by the attitude of Russia and Yugoslavia and the extent of British assistance to Greece.

Diplomatic Talks In Ankara

M. Sarajoglu, Turkish Foreign Minister, yesterday morning received Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen, the British Ambassador who introduced Major-General Arthur Smith, Chief of Staff of the G.O.C. Middle East.

Sir Hughe had a second conversation with M. Sarajoglu in the afternoon. —Reuter.

GREECE RESOLUTE

"WITH ALL CONFIDENCE IN OUR GREAT HEROIC ALLY WE ARE GOING TO BASE OUR COMMON CERTAIN VICTORY ON THE ETERNAL PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE AND LIBERTY ESTABLISHED 3,000 YEARS AGO ON THE SACRED SOIL WE ARE NOW DEFENDING," SAYS GENERAL METAXAS, THE GREEK PREMIER, IN REPLY TO MR. CHURCHILL'S MESSAGE SENT TO HIM ON MONDAY.

General Metaxas added: "With the same serenity and resolution which led us to oppose aggression by a perfidious adversary we are going to march on to final triumph." —Reuter.

AN HONEST ERROR

FOR REASONS BEST KNOWN TO THEMSELVES, THE GERMANS YESTERDAY SAID THAT EIGHT OF THEIR MACHINES FAILED TO RETURN FROM NIGHT RAIDS OVER BRITAIN.

The Air Ministry only claimed one. Unofficial reports say that another blew up over the Firth of Forth. —Reuter.



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HITLER'S TERMS TO M. LAVAL

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HITLER'S TERMS TO PIERRE LAVAL, THE FRENCH VICE-PREMIER, INCLUDED THE PLACING OF THE FRENCH FLEET AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE AXIS, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY REUTER YESTERDAY FROM STOCKHOLM AND ZURICH.

FRENCH EMBASSY ISSUES DENIAL

There is no foundation to rumours of peace negotiations or cessions of territory by the French Government to Germany and Italy, stated a French Embassy statement issued in Washington yesterday.

The statement also denied that the Axis is to have the use of strategic bases or that there will be any curtailment of French sovereignty in any point in France or the Empire.—Reuter.

The following two important messages were received by Reuter from Switzerland and Sweden on the subject of the recent Hitler-Laval talks.

The similarity of news coming from such different sources seems to confirm its authenticity and deals with the terms Germany has submitted to France.

POPPY DAY APPEAL

Contributions totalling \$1,802, headed by one of \$100 by H.E. the Acting Governor, have already been received for the Colony's 1940 Poppy Day Appeal.

The Organising Secretary points out that the present War is placing even greater strain on the resources of the British Legion and has the appeal becomes of greater importance than ever before. It is hoped that the Colony's contribution will be generous.

Sale of poppies will be held this year on Saturday, November 9, instead of November 11, which is a public holiday.

Contributions may be sent to the Secretary, Earl Haig's Fund, H.K. and S. Bank Building.

The Stockholm message states that according to reliable information in the Swedish capital it is understood that in the course of the recent conversations between Laval and Hitler the latter submitted the following terms to the French Government.

Firstly, the cession of Alsace-Lorraine to Germany.

Secondly, air and naval bases in unoccupied France to be at Axis disposal for the duration of hostilities.

Thirdly, the French fleet to be placed at the disposal of the Axis.

Indo-China To Japan

Fourthly, France to cede Indo-China to Japan.

Fifthly, the greater part of Morocco to be given to Spain.

Sixthly, the Italian share of the booty to be Tunis and a substantial portion of Algeria, together with the Department of the Alpes Maritimes.

Seventhly, French colonies to be placed under a triple mandate in which Germany and Italy would participate with France but the regime to be subject to review on the termination of hostilities.

Zurich Version

The Zurich message states that according to reliable information which has reached Switzerland, Hitler has proposed the following peace terms to France:—

Firstly, Morocco to go to Spain. Secondly, Indo-China to go to Japan.

Thirdly, Italy to receive Tunis, part of Algeria and the Alpes Maritimes.

Fourthly, Germany to have Alsace Lorraine and a free zone of which the conditions have not yet been defined and which would extend from Switzerland to the North Sea.

Fifthly, air and naval bases will be at the disposal of the Axis for the duration of hostilities, and similarly the French fleet will be at the disposal of the Germans and Italians.

Sixthly, French colonies under a triple mandate until the end of the war.—Reuter.

A HITCH OCCURS?

The Berlin correspondent of the Swiss newspaper "Basler Nachrichten" says that the French official communiqué on the Hitler/Laval talks caused great disappointment in official Berlin circles because its phrasing was vague.

The German press has been ordered not to print it or to comment on it.—Reuter.



With a Coastal Defence Battery in the Eastern Command. Cleaning up the barrel. (Copyright, Fox).

GRAZIANI UNMOVED

There has as yet been no sign of a corresponding Italian move in North Africa.

British Headquarters, Cairo, says that there is nothing to report in Egypt, Kenya and Palestine.

In the Sudan last Saturday and Sunday our ground troops, aided by aircraft, drove back an enemy survey party on the left bank of the Blue Nile and caused some casualties.—Reuter.

SCHARNHORST REPORTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Shanghai "Evening Post and Mercury" reported last evening that several big guns have been placed on board the German liner Scharnhorst which took refuge in Kobe on the outbreak of war.

Further changes are also noticeable to the vessel's "lines," says the paper.

Many Kobe residents expect the Scharnhorst will shortly be at sea, possibly to carry out raiding work in the Pacific.—Havas.

HITLER GETS IL DUCE TO DEMAND LESS OF FRANCE

THE FRANCO-GERMAN AGREEMENT WAS MADE POSSIBLE ONLY BY HITLER, AT THE FLORENCE MEETING, PERSUADING MUSSOLINI TO ACCEPT LIMITATION OF ITALY'S TERRITORIAL ASPIRATIONS IN REGARD TO FRANCE, IN THE OPINION OF DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS IN ZURICH YESTERDAY.

Italian aspirations envisaged the cession by France of Corsica, Savoy and Tunis, but it is understood that under the new settlement France will retain Corsica and Savoy, and possibly even Nice.

In regard to Tunis, nothing is known though possibly the original scheme for a condominium still valid.

It is thought likely Italy anticipated she should receive compensation at the expense of Greece.

Other concessions Germany has notably made to France include French retention of Lorraine, but of Alsace, the transfer of the Reich Government to Paris and the moving northwards of the demarcation line between occupied and unoccupied territory.

French Commitment

In return for these concessions France would be bound to

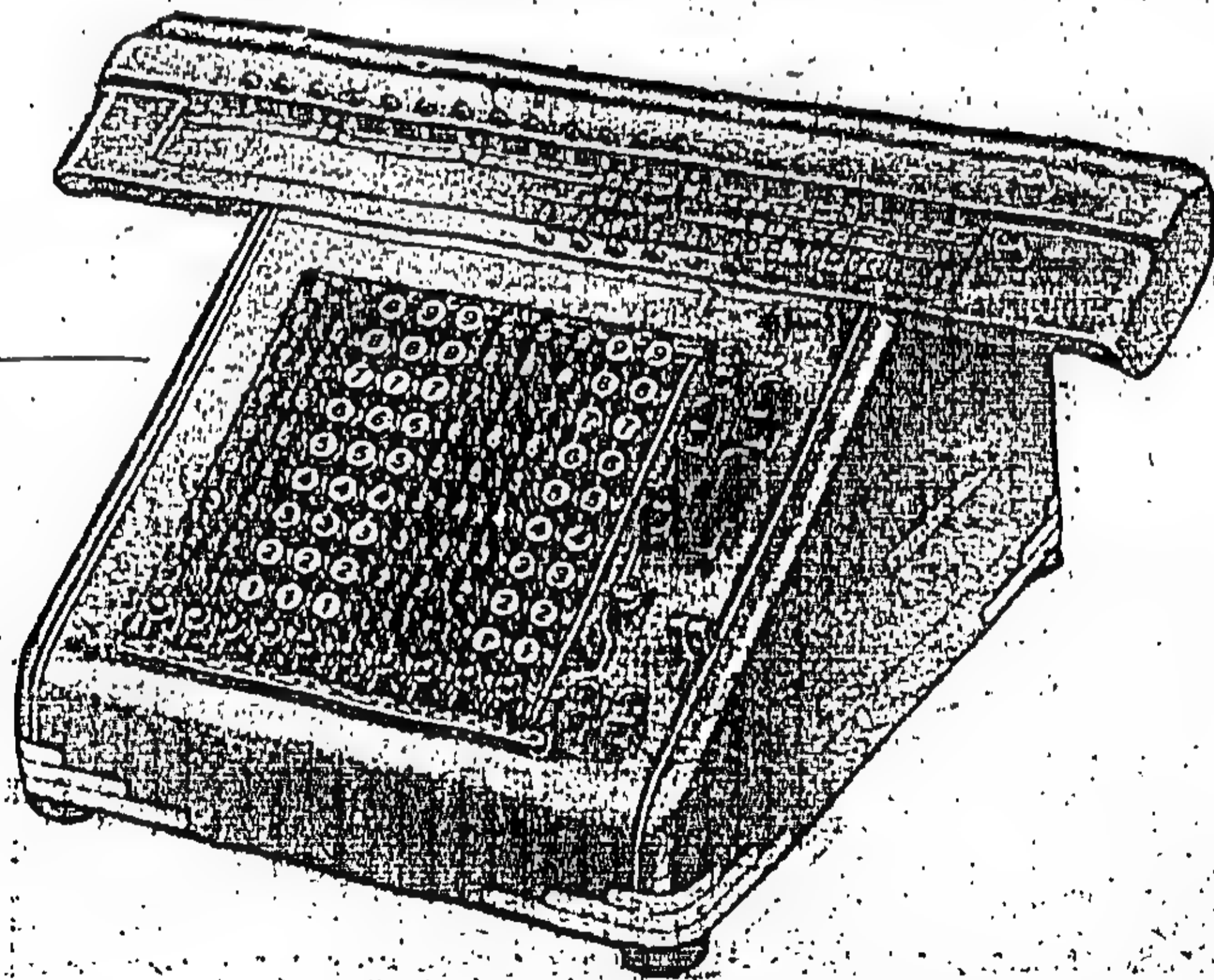
cooperate economically and politically in establishing under German leadership a "new order" in Europe aimed against Britain.

In regard to military cooperation the view is maintained in Zurich that France will probably hand over to the Axis powers naval bases on her Mediterranean coast and French North Africa.

It is not believed there is any question of the French colonial army fighting against Britain unless it is attacked but the possibility of French fleet participation in the war cannot be excluded.—Reuter.

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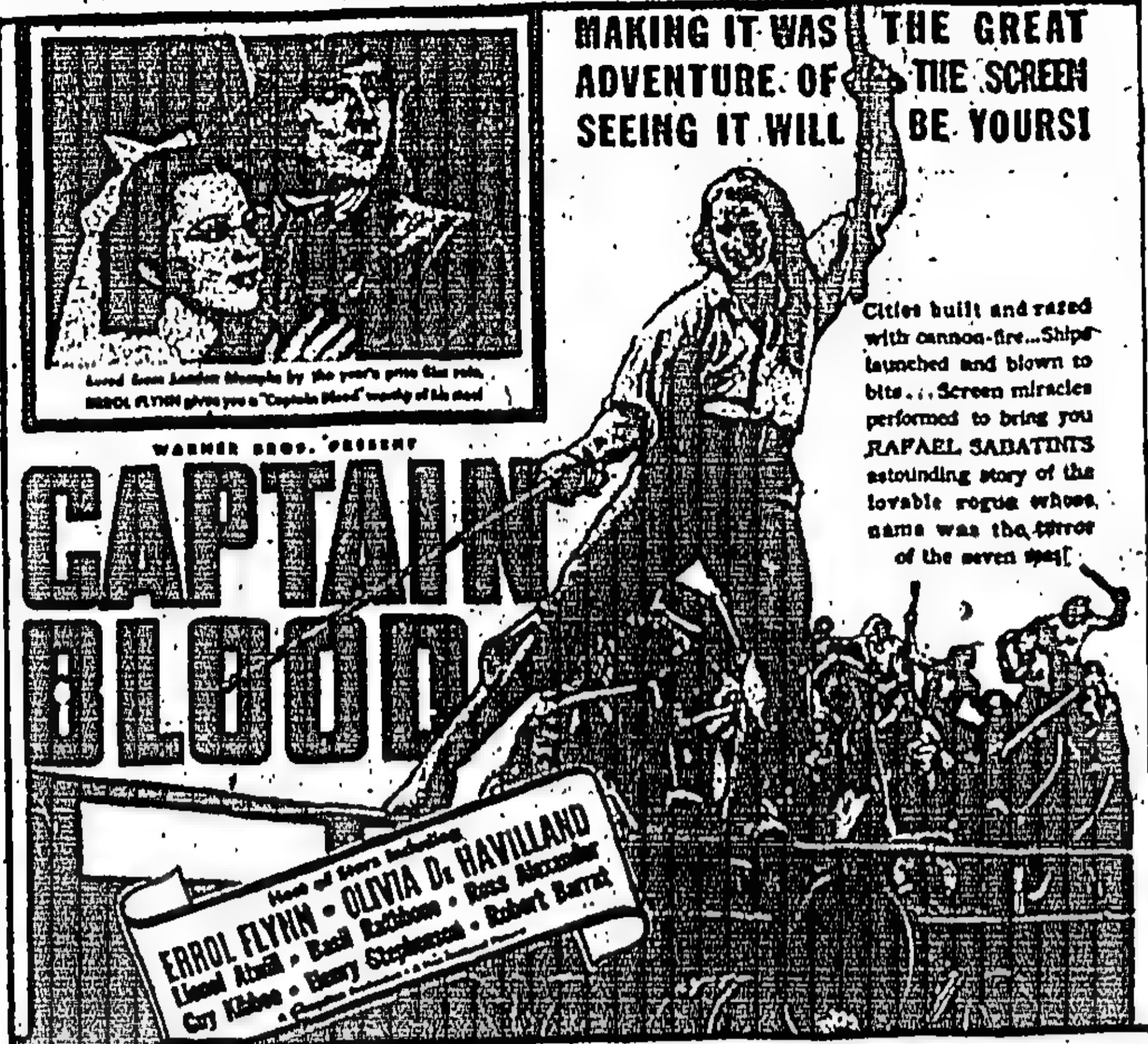
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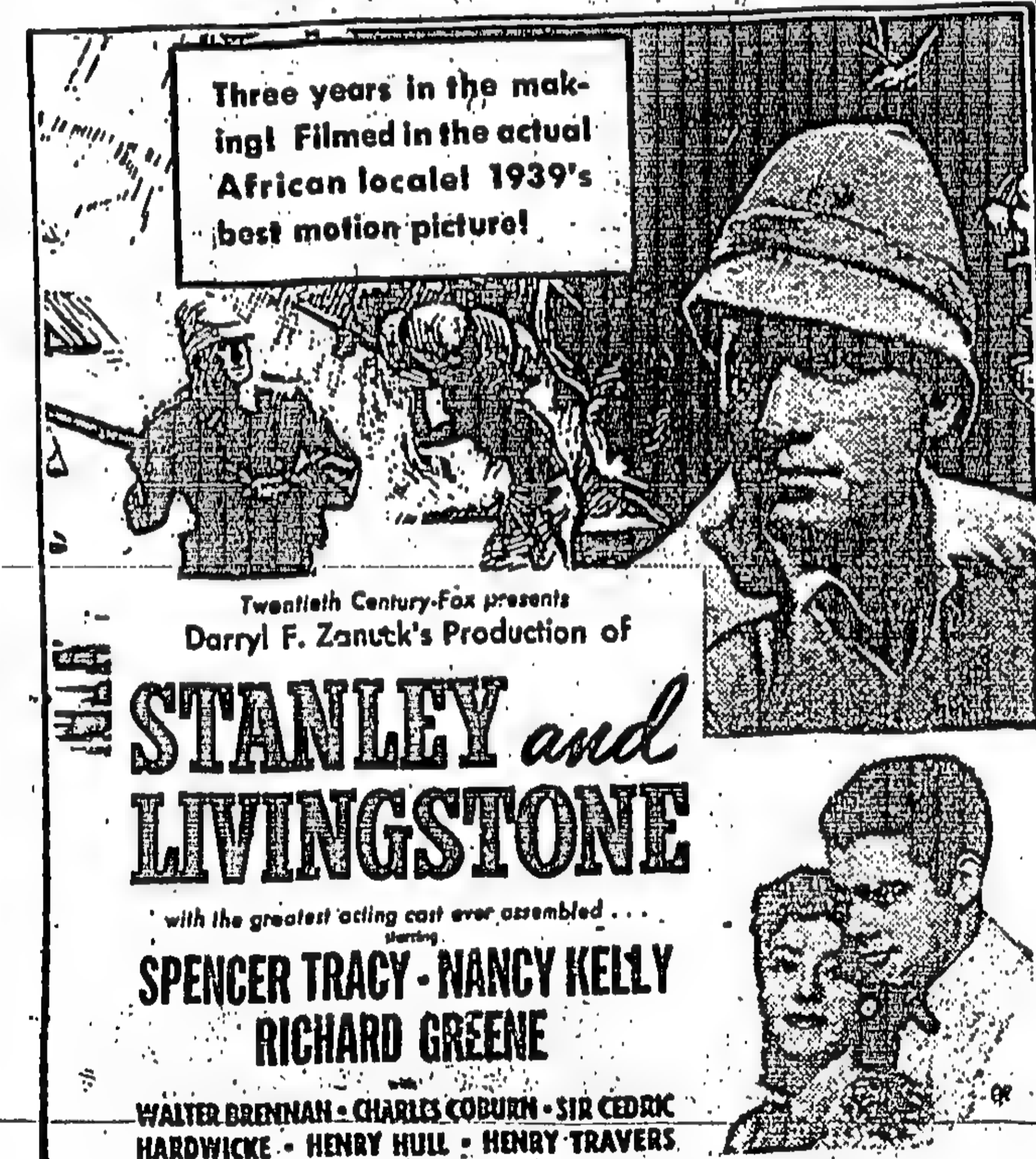
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U.S. NAVAL RESERVISTS IN H.K. CALLED UP

EIGHT UNITED STATES Navy Reservists resident in Hong Kong have been called up for service and will be leaving the Colony in a few days on board the U.S.S. Ashville to report to the Commandant of the 16th Naval District for duty, the "China Mail" learned this morning.

Many of them will leave behind them flourishing cafes or restaurants which are particularly favoured by members of the Services, both British and American, in Hong Kong.

THEFT FROM EUROPEAN WOMAN

Three Chinese were convicted by Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, for snatching a wrist watch from Mrs. Wilmer of Courtlands Hotel, Kennedy Road, in Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday last.

Accused were Chan Chiu-fat, 21, Hui Chau, 17, and Lam, Shum, 52.

It was alleged that the first two snatched the wrist watch and gave it to the third man.

First defendant, who had previous convictions, was sentenced to nine months' hard labour and second defendant to six months. Third defendant was sentenced to two months' hard labour for receiving.

Acting Sub-Inspector Byron prosecuted.

PEAK COOK GAOLED

Kwong Po-wah, 25, cook-boy, appeared before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett on remand this morning, charged with obtaining goods to the value of \$422.66 from the Wing Sang Cheung Shop, No. 11, Queen Victoria Street, by false pretences.

Defendant was given time to make restitution, and failed to do so.

He was sentenced to two months' hard labour, and ordered to pay \$350 compensation or serve another six months.

Detective Sergeant A. F. Cochrane prosecuted.

MOUNT DAVIS ROAD ROBBERY

Lo Kan, 26, and Cheng Tim, 22, were charged before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett this morning.

It was alleged that they robbed Mrs. A. H. Potts, of Mount Davis Road, of a platinum and diamond wristlet watch, on the afternoon of October 12, in Mount Davis Road.

They were remanded for 72 hours for further enquiries. Inspector Tuckett is in charge of the case.

EVACUATION COMMITTEE MEETING

It is announced that a public session of the Evacuation Advisory Committee will be held on Saturday, at 9 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat.

Only the cases of women who have applied to the Committee for a hearing in person and have been requested to attend the meeting will be considered.

MORE FRENCH "REDS" ARRESTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was revealed in Narbonne yesterday that the French police have arrested 14 Communists for distributing leaflets. Several Municipal Councilors are among those arrested. — Havas.

"CELLAR" RAIDED AT NATHAN HOTEL

A large quantity of whisky, gin, and other drinks were stolen from a showcase in the Nathan Hotel Cafe between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. yesterday morning. The total value was \$380.62. The police investigation

In alphabetical order, the eight men are:—

"H. L. "Jim" Akers, manager of the Palace Hotel Bar, Kowloon; James H. "Chuck" Connor, manager of the Black Dog cafe, Hennessy Road, Hong Kong.

William Gunn, Jr.;

V. H. "Dutch" Lingenbrink, of Gingle's Cafe, Gloucester Road, Hong Kong;

E. R. "Red" Sammons, manager of Gingle's Cafe, Gloucester Road, Hong Kong;

Arthur P. "Red" Thomson, manager of the London Cafe, Lockhart Road, Hong Kong;

Shelby N. Vance, retired Chief Radioman, now operating a radio store in the Colony;

Peter F. "Pete" Zech, manager of Marcel Cafe, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

SIR CHARLES PORTAL PROMOTED

The King has approved the promotion of Air Marshal Sir Charles Portal to the rank of Acting Air Chief Marshal on taking over the post of Chief of Air Staff.—British Wireless.

BURMA ROAD AGAIN RAIDED

Twenty-seven Japanese planes made an attack on the Burma Road yesterday morning. Damage was negligible.—Central News.

FELICITATIONS TO TURKEY

Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, wired the Turkish Republic yesterday on the occasion of Turkey's National Independence Day.—Central News.

ANGLO-TURKISH FRIENDSHIP

Anglo-Turkish friendship was accentuated by a telegram sent yesterday by the King to the President of Turkey on the occasion of the celebration of the foundation of the Turkish Republic, expressing cordial greetings and heartfelt wishes for the prosperity of the great Turkish nation. — Reuter.

GREEK NAVY AN ASSET

The Greek Navy, though small, is efficient and its addition to the Royal Navy is welcomed in London.

Many of its officers were trained by the British naval mission which, until recently, was permanently stationed in Greece.

They know every inch of the Greek archipelago, which is literally dotted with islands and contains many useful harbours. — Reuter.

LORD MAYOR'S AIR RAID FUND

THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON'S FUND FOR AIR-RAID VICTIMS NOW TOTALS OVER £1,300,000.

One of the latest gifts comes from His Highness the Maharajah of Gwalior, who writes:—

"I have been watching with concern the distress caused to London's inhabitants by the indiscriminate and brutal Nazi raids and I request that my humble contribution of £1,500 should be sent to the Lord Mayor of London's fund with my deep sympathy for the citizens of London." His message concludes with an expression of confidence in the ultimate victory against the Nazi and Fascist aggressors.—Reuter.


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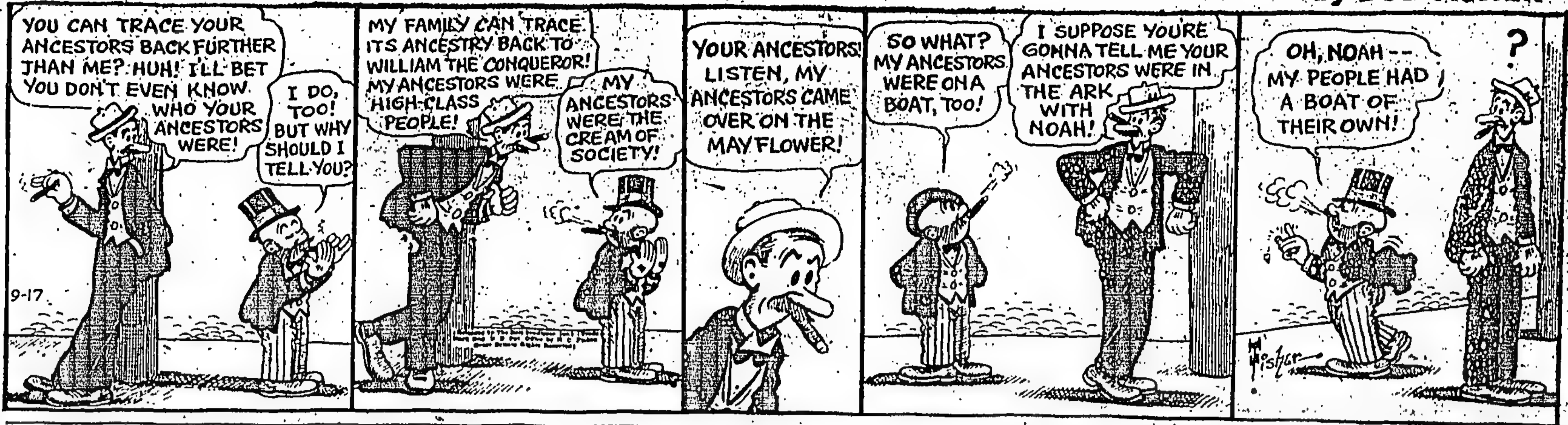
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THE WHITE RUSSIAN EMIGRE COMMUNITY IN SHANGHAI, NUMBERING OVER 25,000, WILL HAVE TO PAY A MONTHLY INCOME TAX TO THE LOCAL RUSSIAN EMIGRANTS COMMITTEE FROM NOVEMBER 1.

The measure will be similar to the income tax formerly imposed by the Chinese Government on those Shanghai residents who did not enjoy extraterritorial rights.

It is understood the scheme is devised of any political attachments since its purpose is to centralise all educational and charity work. Bachelors will pay an additional fee.—Havas.

ITALY TRUE TO TYPE

AGENCY REPORTS FROM ROME SHOW THAT THE ITALIANS HAVE BEEN TRUE TO TYPE IN THEIR TREATMENT OF GREEK DIPLOMATS.

Electricity in the Greek Legation in Rome has been cut off so as to prevent the Greek Minister and

WHY DUCHESS IS UNHAPPY

Unhappy in Nassau because the weather is so hot, the Duchess of Windsor hopes to come to New York soon "to cool off," according to an interview in the "New York Mirror."

An interviewer wrote that dozens of mosquito bites bulged through the Duchess's stockings and there were dark rings under her eyes.

"I've lost pounds," she said. "All my life I've disliked hot weather, and coming to Nassau is like taking a permanent slimming cure."

FIRE ON SHIP NEAR STANLEY

Naval patrol boats, police launches and fire floats were rushed to Stanley Bay last evening to render assistance to the s.s. Tai Po Shek, on which a fire had broken out.

At about 6.15 p.m. after the vessel, which was flying the French flag, was on her way to Kwangchowwan, a naval patrol boat on duty in Stanley Bay intercepted flashes from the ship informing them that a fire had broken out on board.

The naval craft wirelessly the Water police and police launches and firefloats were sent out. The fire was extinguished within an hour and the ship continued her voyage.

The cause of the outbreak is not known and the damage sustained was said to be slight.

JAPANESE RETREAT IN KWANGSI

The Japanese withdrew from Nanning at 8 p.m. on Monday. They set fire to rows of houses to cover their retreat. The big fires burned far into the night.

Despite the Japanese announcement of voluntary abandonment of Nanning, their withdrawal was apparently carried out under pressure of the Chinese general offensive in south Kwangsi.

Strong Chinese columns had steadily closed in on the city from several directions while other units recaptured Lungchow, Mingkiang, Suifu, Szelo, and other strategic points.—Central News.

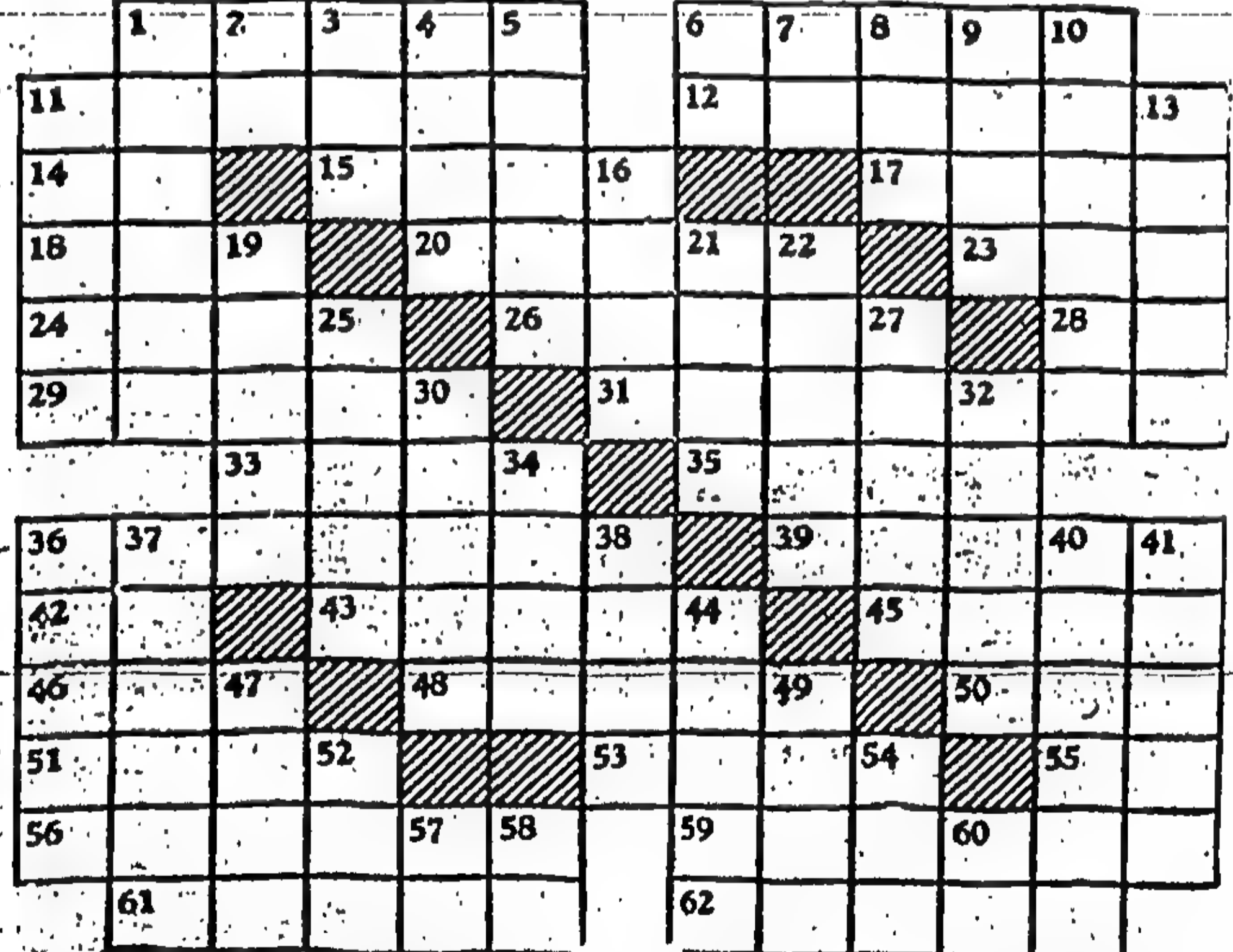
NAILS FOR COFFINS: A JOKE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Irked by the impossibility of obtaining a sufficient amount of nails, an undertaker in Kisennuma, Japan, advertised in a local paper requesting that "anyone intending to pass away" provide about half a pound of nails for their coffin.

The undertaker explained that the shortage of nails compelled him to place this advertisement. The "Nichi Nichi" denies the allegations regarding the shortage of nails, and says the advertisement was only a joke.—Havas.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



- HORIZONTAL**

1 To have confidence in

6 Wanderers

11 Virtuous

12 Anything that exists

14 Land measure

15 Nobleman

17 Wings

18 To allow

20 Prickly bush

23 Greek letter

24 Grape refuse

26 To destroy the force of

28 City in Chaldea

29 To begin

31 Inhabitant

33 Burning pile

35 Floor covering

36 Utter hopelessness

38 Heavy rope

42 Chopping tool

43 Spanish silk fabric

45 To stuff

46 Frozen water

48 Citrus fruit
- VERTICAL**

1 Menace

2 Sun god

3 To employ

4 To pierce

5 Latin earth

6 Note of scale

7 Preposition

8 Luzon

9 5,200 feet

10 Large marble or bronze figure

11 Soothers

13 To long

16 Swedish singer

19 Captures

21 The dill

22 Style of type

25 Secret vault

27 Flowering shrub

30 To follow

32 Striped mammal

34 Country in Europe

36 Turkish tambourine

37 To pardon

38 Sloping walk

40 Kind of rig on sailing vessels

41 To alter

44 Recollections

45 ascending by turning on full power

47 Otherwise

49 Cranny

52 Poetic always

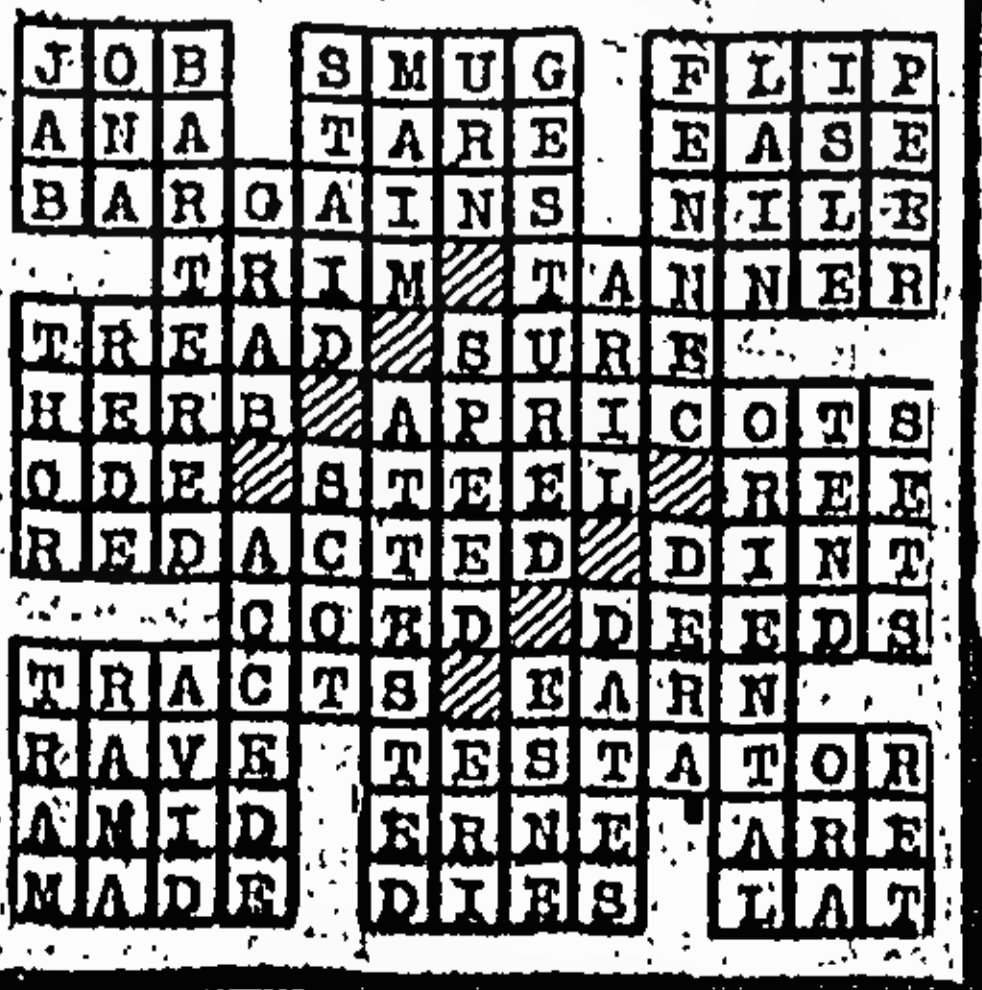
54 Fish eggs

57 Symbol for nickel

58 Symbol for tellurium

60 Japanese measure

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The new Governor of Macao, Commander G. M. Teixeira, photographed with his wife, son and two daughters aboard the Portuguese sloop Goncalvo Velho yesterday. On left is Captain Jose J. da Silva e Costa and on right is Commander J. Francisco Fialho, commanding the sloop. (King's Studio).

BLACK-OUT WAS NOT A SUCCESS

LAST NIGHT'S BLACK-OUT fell far below expectations in effectiveness. Although in certain areas, the black-out was so complete that traffic was slowed down to snail's pace, in others the lighting regulations had not been carefully observed by owners of private property.

CHAPTER OF BLACK-OUT ACCIDENTS

A number of traffic accidents, chiefly collisions, occurred on the mainland during the "black-out" exercise last night.

Car No. 2921, driven by Mr. Harry C. Chew, was in Nathan Road at 7.30 p.m. when it collided with the traffic standard at Austin Road junction.

At 11.10 p.m., military lorry No. 6193 crashed in the rear of lorry No. 578 at the Jordan Road Pier, and about 1 a.m. to-day, a head-on collision between taxi No. 546 and bus No. 2828 occurred in Gascolne Road.

Taxi No. 8 was in Nathan Road at 2.15 a.m. and collided with the traffic standard at the Kiangsu Street junction.

In all cases, no person was injured, but the vehicles were damaged.

NAZI RADIO SHUTS UP

"BECAUSE OF NEW WAR CIRCUMSTANCES," ALL GERMAN BROADCASTING STATIONS—EXCEPT BRESLAU—WILL IN FUTURE CLOSE DOWN AT 8.15 P.M., SAID A CURIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT FROM BERLIN RADIO YESTERDAY.

The announcer advised listeners to listen in to Breslau after 8.15 p.m. as that will be the only station operating.

No explanation was given as to what these "new war circumstances" were.—Router.

The Director of Air Raid Precautions stated this morning: "Air observation reports on last night's black-out indicate that numerous uncovered lights were clearly visible in the following areas:

West Point,
Wanchai,
Kowloon Waterfront,
Yaumati and
Shamshuipo.

"The display of lights from fishing vessels was particularly bad.

"The public are reminded that the black-out is to be continued to night from sunset to sunrise, and it is hoped that the faults observed last night will be rectified."

BLACK-OUT OFFENDERS FINED

Several Chinese "black-out" offenders appeared before the Magistrates at Kowloon this morning.

Before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen, Kwan Hung, 18, and Fong Ki, 28, stall foks, were fined \$10 each for flashing a torch in Ninggo Street. Kwan was flashing the torch to collect rice bowls from his customers, while Fong, seeing the "warden" arrest Kwan, snatched away the torch, declaring that it was his property.

A 13-year-old school boy, Wong Kam-fu, who failed to appear on a charge of flashing a torch in Reclamation Street, had bail of \$25 estreated, while Ip Hang, 25, shop-fok, and Ng Hang, 23, unemployed, were each fined \$10 for flashing torches in Saigon Street and Woosung Street.

For striking matches in Yen Chau Street, near the Shamshuipo Police Station, Wong Fu-chung, 32, and Hui Yui, 28, were each fined \$3. A \$3 fine was imposed on Tam Kam-fong, 45, for a similar offence in Shanghai Street.

Before Mr. El Hiltisworth, Ch Yu, 28, hawker, who failed to appear on a charge of flashing a torch in Taituling Road, had his bail of \$5 estreated. Lo Kul, 20, was fined \$1 for a similar offence in Prince Edward Road, while Leung So, 40, cooler, was fined 50 cents for striking a match in Mongkok Road.

NEPHEW OF MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN KILLED

It is now known that Flying Officer Ralph Hope, 28-years-old nephew of Mr. Neville Chamberlain, whose death was announced a week ago, lost his life preventing his Hurricane crashing on houses in south-east London.

Hope was losing height and could have saved himself by "baling out." He stayed at the controls and according to one witness seemed deliberately to aim for some allotments. When the Hurricane was going straight down towards this open ground he baled out but his parachute did not open in time and the aircraft crashed on an allotment and no one was hurt.—British Wireless.

SECRET POLICE IN NORWAY

For the first time in history Norway has its secret police. The field of activity of the new secret police is not clarified in a report, which simply says it will handle certain police questions which arose out of the situation created by the occupation of Norway.

\$1,600 THEFT

The theft of \$1,600, in foreign currency and jewellery, was reported to the Police this morning by the principal tenant of the first floor of No. 102, Nathan Road. The police are endeavouring to trace a sub-tenant who is missing.

CHINA MAIL
WINDSOR HOUSE

JAPAN AND THE AXIS

The unpleasant consequences to Japan of her decision to enter into a military alliance with the Axis have again been brought home most forcibly.

As though the swing of feeling in the United States was not enough, Italy and Germany have taken action in Europe, in invading Greece, at once setting Japan the need for anxious enquiries as to how deeply events may involve her against her will.

Turkey and Soviet may be next in the field of battle, for the indications are plain for all to see that Greece is intended merely as a stepping-stone for further action, including seizure of command of the Straits. Japan, therefore, may be called on to meet her obligations, in spite of the fact that the Axis did not consult her before pursuing a policy provoking opposition.

At the same time, Japan is compelled to consider the situation from the Pacific angle, and sees nothing to encourage a hasty decision, to say the least.

Japan's entry into the Axis partnership was, in fact, from Britain's point of view, the most useful blunder Japan has ever made in extending the scope of its aggressions. Until Ribbentrop's little coup of a couple of months ago, the United States and other nations were asleep.

They slept while Japan scuttled the last vestiges of its restoration-born liberalism. They slept while Germany set fire to the literature and the constitution of the Weimar Republic. They slept while Italy defined civilisation in terms of the bombing of an almost defenceless people.

And amid these slumbers, the United States dreamed of isolation.

Those dreams were rudely interrupted by the collapse of France and the increasing demands on the British fleet in the Atlantic and Mediterranean, thrusting upon the United States the full burden of naval diplomacy in the Pacific. And Japan, signing an agreement patent directed against America, swept away whatever lingering misconceptions may have existed over the extent to which the dicta-

---and they're finding Londoners too tough

Hitler is trying to make London into a hell for its inhabitants. He has succeeded in making it into a hellscape of hatred for himself. Londoners are too tough for the conqueror of Czechoslovakia, Poland, Denmark, Norway, Holland, Belgium, Luxemburg and France.

To-day, after touring hours by daylight and hours by night throughout the City, during raids which formed part of the heaviest assault ever perpetrated upon any city except Rotterdam, it is the considered opinion of this observer that no people ever stood up better under cruel punishment, that they will never surrender to mere pain and terror, and that Hitler will not achieve either of his two possible objectives—which are first, through killing and maiming the population, so to intimidate them as to bring a mass demand for peace at any price; second, through dislocation of communications, railroads, docks and public utilities, to starve and demoralise the people and the armed Services until invasion can be attempted.

Returning last night from a two-day cruise with the Royal Navy brought the impression that the present giant air offensive is indeed the prelude to invasion.

It is thought most probable they may be planning soon to try to capture London, directly or indirectly, by trying to come up the Thames estuary as well as by attacking points right and left of the river mouth, with the intention of surrounding the City. In the words of an authority well qualified to know, "I hope to God he does try."

First-hand observation of British naval, military and air defences against such attack leads neutral observers to agree that it is almost certain to fail.

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A four-hour trip by railroad throughout blacked-out England in the midst of the most furious air raids taught me that British resilience is not confined to London alone. It also taught me that this line at any rate is undamaged and is operating normally.

The moment we entered the alert area every light in the train was put out, but the huge engine pulling our crack express continued to feel its way at a fair speed into the terminal station of London.

Immensely significant that at midnight, on the fourth night of the most savage air raids, it was possible to find a taxicab within three minutes. More significant that a driver was willing to take a fare anywhere one liked.

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When daylight came I started out again, and drove possibly thirty miles through the hardest-hit districts and summed up: London is still not as bad as Rotterdam, where 20,000 were killed by the Luftwaffe in twenty minutes. But it has now suffered worse than any other city in my experience in Spain, China, Abyssinia, and France.

If placed in a continuous row, the destroyed houses—90 per cent. working class—would stretch for miles.

But during hours of visiting damaged districts I saw only one injured objective which could be considered military.

Standing in the midst of the ruins of their homes and places,

tors would go to realise their ambitions.

Japan has made certain that American opinion will support whatever steps become necessary to safeguard the United States from the now too familiar tragedy of letting the aggressor strike first.

of business Londoners gave the best evidence that Hitler is failing in his task of terror. "Our windows are broken, but our

H. R. Knickerbocker

famous U. S. journalist now in London sent this story to American papers

spirit is not," was the inscription on a semi-wrecked clothing store.

Past us drove a truck filled with refugee children smiling. Other trucks laden with furniture, mat-

resses, and baby buggies, piled household goods, reminded me painfully of the French roads last May and June. But here they are not running away, they are only moving out until they straighten up.

London has not got the faintest idea that Britain might fall. Yet the tragedy of this furious attack on civilians can hardly be exaggerated.

Finally I reached a hall where upwards of 500 refugee men, women, and children were imprisoned in the ruins, from which only about 100 were exorcised, all dead but one. A fresh air raid signal sounded as I approached this colossal mortuary.

Every one but rescuers had taken shelter. In this district shelter caves are the only inhabitable places left. For blocks around there is nothing but rubble.

Stumbling about in the midst of these gruesome ruins my foot struck a tattered kindergarten school book darkly stained. I read "Many, many years ago men lived in caves. Men found caves very uncomfortable. They learned to build houses. Tell what your house is like."

I looked about me. Now for the first time in thousands of years in this era of Hitler's Luftwaffe men have at last returned to their original dwellings.

The Air Attack On London

Mass attacks on the London Docks caused great damage but none that seriously affects food or other supplies. Nor does it mean that the docks have ceased to work, as is proved by the passage of convoys through the Straits of Dover since the attack started.

The dock area is admittedly a legitimate target, and it has always been realised that the adjoining working-class district would inevitably suffer.

The district has suffered more than it need have owing to the unwillingness of the Germans to fly low enough for accurate bombing.

The casualties caused, though very distressing, are, on the whole surprisingly small and casualties in the future are likely to become less, as the evacuation of families takes place.

The effect on morale has been mainly to cause anger, and neu-

tral observers have recorded that there has not been the least sign of panic.

Some effect on morale at the first onslaught might have been expected, for experience has shown that it is the early casualty lists which produce the greatest shock.

Germany Cuts Losses

The price the enemy has paid in daylight mass raids was, as they have admitted, extremely heavy. Since then, they have adopted a new technique, using successive raids in small numbers, mainly by night, to reduce losses.

They no longer confine themselves to the dock area or to legitimate military targets but bomb the whole of London indiscriminately.

This technique definitely implies an attack on the morale of the nation and an attempt to in-

duce public opinion to bring pressure on the Government to abandon the raids on Germany.

Indiscriminate attacks are a sign that Germany is in trouble, for it has always been expected that she would not resort to them except as a last desperate expedient.

Raids On Germany

The constantly increasing weight of R.A.F. raids on Germany, although confined to military targets, has undoubtedly caused their adoption. There is no fear that pressure will be applied to reduce their scale or that the Government would yield to it if any section of the public demanded their cessation. There is more fear that the public may demand indiscriminate reprisals with consequent diversion of attacks from more important military targets.

If anything were needed to arouse American sympathy still further, indiscriminate bombing of London has supplied it.

The Invasion Threat

Meantime, German transport and barges in Channel and North Sea ports are constantly attacked by the R.A.F.

In Britain preparation to meet attacks daily become more complete, and weather conditions at this season are unlikely to become more favourable.

If invasion on the grand scale is to be attempted it cannot be much longer delayed. The Germans are reported to have glider troop-carriers in readiness, but it is unlikely they will be used unless there is a prospect of support by sea-borne troops.

In any case, their prospects of achieving much in a country prepared to deal with them are small.

If invasion is not attempted, a purely air attack may be prolonged, and winter nights tend to facilitate indiscriminate attacks.

Our raids into Germany and Italy will, however, be able to penetrate still further during long nights, and the great superiority of the R.A.F. in night navigation confers immense advantages.

The main problem prolonged air warfare presents is the prevention of interruption of munition production during the periods of raid warnings. This problem is being gallantly faced by all sections of workers.

The Mediterranean Route

One of the most encouraging features of the present situation is the domination of the Mediterranean by the Navy. It is safer for British convoys to traverse the whole length from Gibraltar to Egypt than it is for Italian transports to make the short passage from Italy to Libya.

The power of reinforcing in the Middle East from Britain relieves anxiety that might otherwise be felt about the Middle East situation. It opens the prospect too of a recovery of the initiative for offensive action.

In the air war, it is a welcome sign of growing strength that Polish, Czech, and other Allied airmen are gathering laurels as freely as their British and Dominion comrades.

The Spirit Of Britain

This is being written in the midst of one of the heaviest air bombardments that London has yet experienced. Eight million Londoners, except the very deaf, the very deeply sheltered, and those with plugs in their ears, are hearing this shattering din—the crackly burst of the anti-aircraft guns, the flat thud of their exploding shells, the high whine of the falling bombs, the deep roar and crash as they burst. Some of those eight millions are rather frightened. We are not all men of iron. But not a British heart quails or thinks of compromise

no automations, but men with minds of their own. The Englishman's right to grumble is one of his most precious legacies from the fight that his ancestors fought for freedom. The practice of the British people in grumbling stood them in good stead when the bombs fell. It was just something fresh to grumble at.

They were not ignorant of the dangers of air raids or the strength of the enemy. Their rulers had not fed them with lying boasts that the defences of London were impenetrable, or the enemy already at the point of submission. The horror from the skies did not mean a violent breach of faith between themselves and those in authority over them.

Contrast the German people: numb, voiceless and stuffed with lies. What resilience of spirit, what growing sense of comradeship, could be expected of them when the R.A.F. began to hammer nightly at their docks, their factories and railways? They had been told that Berlin would never be bombed. When Berlin is bombed night after night, their confidence in their leaders is gravely shaken, and if that confidence cracks, what have they to fall back on? Certainly not the faith of free men in an ideal that cannot be destroyed.

The Fresh Air Of Britain

When the R.A.F. bomb their targets in Germany, the effect on civilian morale is like puncturing an oxygen tent. The inmate, with his artificial respiration impaired, inexorably perishes. But the people of Britain are surrounded by no such artificial atmosphere. When they in turn take their peeping, they may be wounded, but wounds heal, and shields can be found against the worst injuries. They are not deprived of the fresh air that they breathe.

These are profoundly important facts. They may be decisive in determining how soon the war will be won.

By Britannicus

with the enemy who has brought this terror. Fears are mastered and resolution hardened.

They call this the spirit of London. Nor will anyone who loves this great and ancient city grudge the Londoner his special mead of praise for fortitude and good humour. But the spirit of London is part of the spirit of Britain, and the spirit of Britain is part of the spirit of all free men.

They Give All To Save Freedom

Out on the streets of the Empire's capital are air-raid wardens, stretcher-bearers, auxiliary firemen, demolition squads, ambulance drivers, men and women every one of whom has volunteered for a dangerous job in the service of his fellows and the defence his country. They do their jobs with courage and grit, not driven by fanaticism nor coerced by discipline, but moved by the spirit of free men who will give all to save freedom for themselves, their neighbours, and their sons.

But it is not only in the work of these volunteers, and of the policemen, firemen, nurses, and other professional members of the civil defence forces, that the spirit of free men is displayed. The same spirit is breathed by the whole reaction of the people. Here are

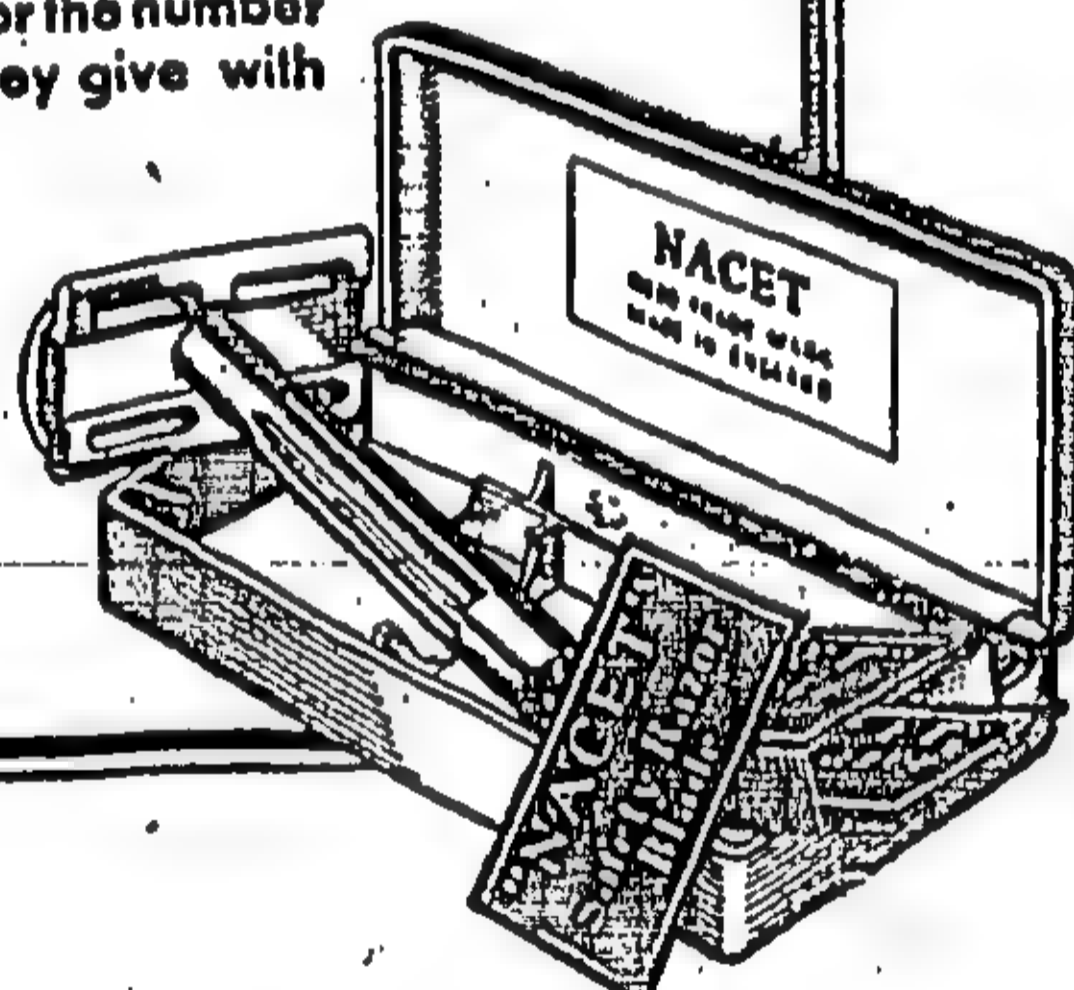


Oh grandmama!

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BOMB CHIPS A LUMP OFF HERR HITLER

It takes a German sense of humour to bomb a waxworks, writes a London reporter. The irony of walking round Madame Tussaud's looking at headless and twisted waxworks gave me the only, rather numb, laugh of this grim week.

A very heavy bomb hit the cinema and shattered two of the galleries at the back. In one gallery models were heaped around the floor in agonising and painful positions.

It was the Hall of Tableaux, and the only things that had survived were the signing of the Magna Carta, tucked away in a safe corner, and the knights in armour setting out for the Crusade.

It was a macabre joke, stepping over wax arms and torn wax torsos.

Naturally I had hoped Hitler was broken, but little had happened to that gang. The head boy himself had slipped to one side and chipped a lump out of his face. Goering's pretty uniform was covered in soot and broken glass, and limping Goebbels had shuddered to one side.

Kings And Queens

There they stood, dirty and chipped, heeling over the ruins. The Hall of Kings and Queens had survived well.

In the centre was that majestic figure of Victoria, intact and firm, though her veil had blown over her face. Through the veil was a fine, "We are not amused" expression, and I gave service to her by straightening her veil and dusting glass out of her lap and making her comfortable again.

There had been a slight accident to the Cabinet, though Churchill stood as firm as a rock, his glassy blue eyes sternly supervising the clearing of the wreckage. One or two of the minor members had slipped with concussion.

The naval tableau had suffered a little. Earl Beatty's nose was broken off and Nelson had fallen, but survived. Napoleon was beautifully shattered, and I picked up pieces of Caesar's laurels blown right across the hall.

The grimmest thing of all was poor Mary Queen of Scots. She had suffered.

She left her head on the executioner's block, but her kneeling figure had blown into the gangway. I rather think she deliberately committed this suicide to save the executioner the painful job of bringing down the axe that had been poised over her pretty wax neck for so many years.

Cavalier Survived

Flying glass had cut into many of the wax figures, and I am afraid Cromwell's Roundheads looked like pin-cushions.

They had for so many years been mutely questioning a cavalier who now stood intact among their fallen bodies.

Walking through all this waxed history it was impossible not to piece together some of the damage and find significance in the survivals.

It was good to see Queen Mary regal and undamaged, to see the imperious gesture of Queen Elizabeth of England still ordering the end of the Spanish Armada, though her coronet of jewels was a little cockeyed.

The main halls were intact, though many of the lovely costumes were covered with a quantity of dust, glass and rubble.

And just as a final touch to this collection of iron there was the smashed cinema, still with a board outside advertising "Night Train to Munich."

It was a nice touch to a grim day, though it takes perverted reasoning to find the military significance in this game of waxworks.

DANGER OF DRIVE TO THE EAST

Lord Lloyd, Secretary of State for Colonies, declared in a speech at Glasgow that Britons must "have no illusions as to the danger of the threat" from German Dictator Adolf Hitler's drive to the east.

The secretary declared that "if the Italians, aided by German air power, were to succeed our control of the Mediterranean would be gone and with it the fate of our Balkan friends and allies."

Lord Lloyd asserted that Britain "feels the loss of France most" in connection with the situation in Italian Libya. He said that Italian Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, governor-general of Libya, "has plenty of difficulties" ahead and that the day "when we can take the offensive approaches steadily."

GOEBBELS' YOUNG LADIES

FIFTEEN HUNDRED GERMAN PROSTITUTES WERE SHIPPED TO PARIS TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED ARM-IN-ARM WITH NAZI SOLDIERS.

Details of this Goebbels propaganda stunt have been exposed in New York by Pierre Lazereff, former editor-in-chief of the "Paris Soir."

Drawing attention to pictures said to be showing Paris women giving a "friendly and enthusiastic" reception to their Nazi liberators, Lazereff said: "We have received proof that when French girls refused to pose with the Nazis for propaganda pictures, Goebbels rushed fifteen hundred German prostitutes to Paris to pose in their place."

SILENCE ROOMS TO BEAT RAIDS

Sound-proof bedrooms may soon become popular in London, where the wailing of air-raid sirens is preventing thousands from sleeping.

A South London builder told a reporter that his firm has received inquiries about the possibility of sound-proof bedrooms.

A reporter questioned a number of people on the subject, and most are in favour of such rooms.

The partner in a City firm of printers said:

"Sound-proof bedrooms is an ideal way of helping the busy man to beat Hitler."

Italy Looks At The War

HARDSHIP "WITHOUT END"

Travellers just returned from Italy give a vivid picture to-day of life there. They agree that there is no enthusiasm for the war, except in special cases, among Italians over thirty years of age.

Again and again you hear the significant words: "This is Germany's war."

The Italians expected Hitler to carry out quickly the promised invasion of England. Because Britain is more than holding out they say the sacrifices demanded to them stretch ahead seemingly without end.

There is a serious shortage of food. Although starvation is some way off, malnutrition is to be immediately reckoned with.

Even in the first-class hotels of Trieste and Genoa full food rations cannot be obtained. Because the British blockade has cut off imports of Argentine wheat, spaghetti, the staple diet, is now of the poorest quality and is difficult to get in the cities.

Butter, eggs and milk are nearly impossible to buy.

The coffee urn burns in mockery on the zinc or marble bars of tens of thousands of cafes. Only third-rate coffee substitutes are produced.

Diplomats Go Without

Foreign diplomats, too, are unable to buy enough for themselves and their families.

Raids by the R. A. F. have brought havoc to Turin, Milan, Genoa and Modena, but the extent of the damage is concealed in official secrecy.

In all these towns the people are angry and disillusioned. This kind of attack was not popularly envisaged as part of the Axis bargain. There are no suitable air-raid shelters, and only recently has A. R. P. information been given out.

Passengers in the Greek steamer Attiki recently held up at Messina (Sicily) tell a story tinged with pathos. The port authorities there, after seizing the cargo, filed through the ship's galley, the pantries and the dining-room, "looking for something for their families."

They helped themselves to food that was lying about, even pieces of bread.

Afterwards some officials searched the passengers for cigarettes. From the Italian-owned Aegean Islands came even more forlorn stories. The Greek inhabitants are facing starvation. Their Italian masters have been obliged to commandeer all fruit shops and dole out the diminishing stocks.

The only traffic possible with the outside world is by means of fishing smacks, which scurry out by right to neighbouring Greek islands.

Greeks Still Hold Mountain Passes Against Italians

REPORTS REACHING London yesterday evening showed that the Greeks were still holding their positions against the Italians in the mountain passes along the frontier.

Greece's famous "kilted troops" are now in action. They are recruited from the mountain districts and are now face to face with Italy's "Alpine" divisions.

Italian claims to have advanced into Greece were denied in Athens yesterday afternoon.

The Greek soldiers are now using the slogan they used during the Balkan wars — "We will drive them into the sea!"

Up to yesterday evening, there were no signs that the "big push" the Italians had announced for dawn yesterday had met with any greater success than on the day before.

"Adverse Weather"

The Italian High Command in Rome claimed that Italian troops had penetrated at various points and that the "advance is continuing."

A suggestion that things are not going as well as was expected is contained in a reference to "adverse weather."

The main Italian drive seems to be concentrated at the north-west corner of Greece, where the frontier joins those of Yugoslavia and Albania.

The main objective here seems to be the city of Florina, an important railway connection between Yugoslavia and Salonika. Both Florina and Kastoria are said to have been bombed, while there are heavy artillery duels along the whole frontier.

Reserve Suggested

There are a flock of unconfirmed reports coming from the various Balkan capitals. Among these are rumours of an Italian/British naval clash, which is declared improbable in London, and of the landing of British troops in Crete, which is denied in London.

All these reports must be treated with considerable reserve. They bear a remarkable similarity to those at the opening of the Norwegian campaign and which were put out by the enemy propaganda service with the object of spreading disappointment when they are found to be untrue. — Reuter.

DECISIVE SPHERE

Declaring that the British Navy stood between the Dictators and the free people of the Western Hemisphere, Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, yesterday expressed appreciation of the release of 50 United States destroyers to Britain and welcomed the move to lease naval bases to the United States.

Mr. Alexander said: "Because I feel that so long as we can continue to resist successfully (as we are doing with the courage and fortitude of our people and the gallantry of our pilots in air attacks on these islands), and sea power will eventually encompass the enemy's destruction, I hope that the Royal Navy may look for even greater co-operation in this decisive sphere of the fight for victory and freedom." — Reuter.

MEKONG RIVER BRIDGE AGAIN

There is no confirmation in Kunning of reports that the Mekong bridge, on the Burma road, has been destroyed in air raids by Japanese bombing planes, thus disrupting traffic on the road. — Reuter.

EVACUEE HUSBANDS INVITED

Sir,—Since I returned from Australia I have received many requests to speak to husbands and relations about the well-being of the women and children of Hong Kong in that country. I am naturally eager to convene a meeting and to give all the information that I can. The Manager of the Peninsula Hotel has been kind enough to allow the use of the Rose Room at the Peninsula Hotel for such a meeting on Monday, at 5.45 p.m. Many of the voluntary workers of the Assembly Control who arranged the embarkation in July and August will also be present to hear news of those to whom they offered so much help at the beginning. Husbands and relations of the Evacuees are cordially invited to attend.

Yours faithfully,
J. L. WILSON.

FACTORY OWNER FINED

As the result of a visit by a Labour Officer on October 11 when 56 workers were found on the premises, the manager of the Mee Leung Weaving Factory, Nga Tsin Wai Village, was summoned before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning and fined \$150 for keeping an unregistered factory.

Mr. D. W. Phillips, Inspector of Factories and Works, stated that accused had been twice previously prosecuted and fined for the same offence. He persisted in operating the factory despite numerous notices. Accused was fined \$30 in 1930, and \$75 in June last. Mr. Phillips stated that registration of the factory was rejected in 1936 because the premises were situated in an insanitary area.

BURGLARY WAVE

A number of burglaries have been reported to the Police during the last 24 hours, most of the victims being Chinese.

Mr. T. H. G. Brayfield, of Castle Peak Road, was a victim during Monday night, when articles to the value of \$201 were stolen.

Imitation silk, valued at \$105, was stolen from No. 53, Bonham Strand East, yesterday.

The second floor of No. 400, Lockhart Road, was entered during the night, and clothing and jewellery, valued at \$74, were stolen.

Woo Chuen, of No. 23, Lee Yuen Street, has reported the theft of \$50 and a registered letter.

Chung Yat-chor, of No. 5, Lee On Lane, has reported the theft of four bundles of net and clothing, from his house yesterday.

NEW DELHI CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE EASTERN GROUP CONFERENCE AT NEW DELHI ON WAR SUPPLIES WILL BE THE SCENE OF AT LEAST INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON BROAD QUESTIONS OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THE CONFERENCE PROPER.

Several delegations are anxious to take advantage of the presence of so many Empire representatives for this purpose, and it is believed that discussions between the Commerce Department of the Government of India and certain delegations will start shortly. — Reuter.

ARMS ON A JUNK

Charged with possession of arms, Kwok Pak-cheng, 51, master of junk No. T4321H, was remanded for three days on \$150 bail by Mr. E. Himsforth this morning.

Accused is alleged to have had a rifle, 241 rounds of rifle ammunition, 71 sticks of dynamite, 30 detonators and a length of gauze on board his junk in Yaumati Typhoon Shelter.

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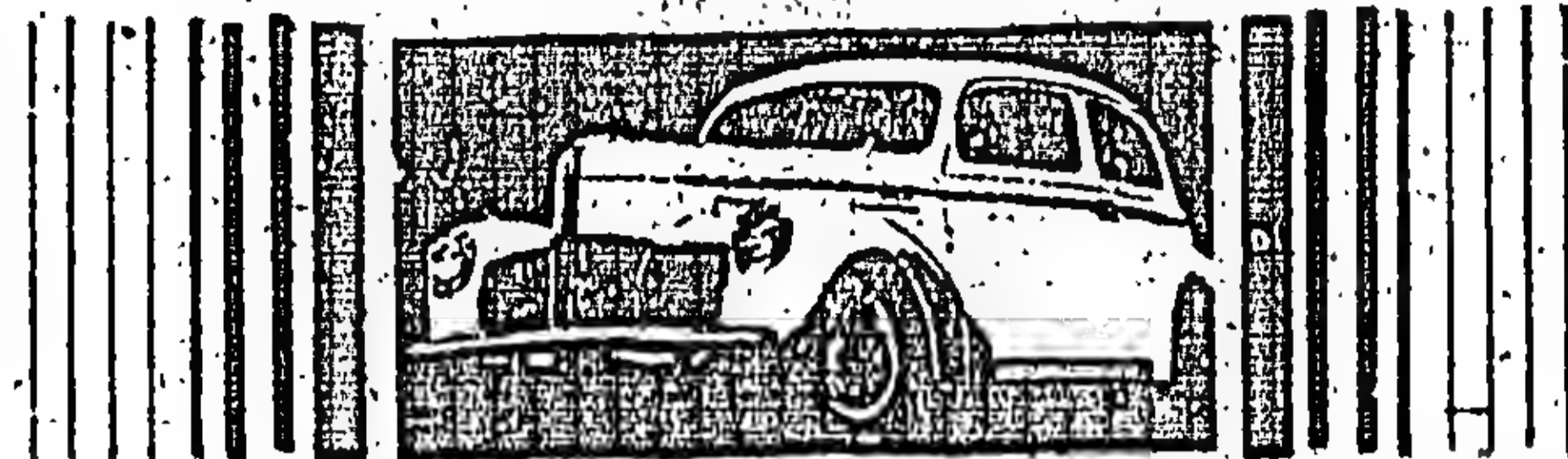
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C. B. BROWN,

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Hong Kong, 28th October, 1940.

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Bridge Swindles—No. 11

Some swindles are more or less the result of accidents. The gay deceiver simply makes it possible for the opponents to make a mistake, even though he may not clearly see what mistake is possible. For example:

North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ 7 4	♥ K 6 3	♦ 8 5 3 2	♣ J 10 9 6
♠ A 5	♥ A 4	♦ K Q J 9	♣ A Q 5
♠ N	♥ W	♦ E	♣ S
♠ A 5	♥ J 8 5	♦ A 10 7 4	♣ K 8 4 2
♠ K J 10 9 6	♥ Q 10 9 7 2	♦ 6	♣ 7 3

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the Jack of clubs, and when the finesse of the club Queen lost to East's King, South realised that he had to hope for a swindle.

East returned a club, and dummy won with the Ace. The trump Ace was next knocked out, and East's club return was ruffed by South. After drawing the adverse trumps, South led a diamond, dummy putting up the King, and East winning with the Ace.

At this point, East found himself in what seemed to be a difficult situation. Both dummy and South were void of clubs, and a diamond lead would allow dummy to make an undeserved trick with the nine of diamonds. Apparently only a heart lead was safe. Fortunately for South, he guessed right by playing the heart nine rather than the Queen; and the rest was easy, since West's King was trapped.

East thought he was caught in a true end-play, but it was really only a swindle since a diamond return was perfectly safe. East knew that South had started with five trumps and two clubs; hence with six red cards. Allowing dummy to make three diamond tricks would still leave South with a loser in hearts.

Yesterday you were Merwin Malar's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q J 10 7 6
♥ 8 6 5 4
♦ K 5 3
♣ 8 4 2

The bidding:
Malar Jacoby You Schenken
1♥ Dbl. (?)

ANSWER: Bid one spade or pass, depending on partner and opponents. There is no 100% bid in this situation, but one spade is best with a fine partner against sensible opponents. Erratic opponents may bid four spades. If you pass, and an erratic partner may land you in trouble if you bid one spade. So in a "spotty" game, a pass is better than a bid of one spade.

Score: 80% for one spade, 80% for pass, 0 for any other bid.

Question No 551

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you hold:

♠ K J 9 5
♥ 8
♦ Q J 10 7
♣ A Q 9 6

The bidding:
Burnstone Malar You Jacoby
1♥ Dbl. (?)

What do you bid? (Answer: To-morrow.)

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SUDETEN GERMANS IN CANADA

A few miles from Edmonton, Alberta, just over the British Columbia border in the Peace River section, approximately 500 Sudeten German settlers have found their key to happiness.

The colony, now almost two years of age, has proved successful, a recent visit disclosed.

Not quite two years ago they were a German minority wedged in between a belligerent Germany and an equally resolved Czechoslovakia—the focal point of one of the world's largest crises.

But to-day that is all in the background. They did not care for the Nazi rule when the Sudetenland was awarded to Germany. They left their homes for Canada. And to-day their main worries are whether it will be an early spring for planting, or whether the price of livestock will go up.

They are of German extraction, they speak German and they have many German habits of life, yet they will tell you they sincerely hope the Nazis are beaten in the war now raging far from their new homeland at Tupper Creek, British Columbia.

Dates Of arrival

The first party of Sudeten folk, 25 families, arrived in April, 1939, under a scheme of assisted migration approved to by the British Government. They had been in refugee camps in England and eagerly agreed to the plan of settlement in Canada. By August all the colony were settled in the Peace River block, 153 families and 35 single men. There were a few Jewish people in the number.

The first summer these sturdy Sudeten families—few of them had had previous agricultural experience—managed to sow 600 acres of crops, and during the summer 1,400 acres were cleared, three tractors being kept chugging along night and day.

This year 2,600 acres were seeded and most of this will be harvested as feed crops for livestock, is being stressed rather than commercial grain production. Up in the Peace River country frost comes early and then it would cost excessively in freight to get wheat to the Edmonton market, 475 miles away.

The colony has its own sawmill which supplies the material for the houses and other buildings. Most of the foundation work has been done cooperatively with the communal spirit prevailing to

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a high degree. New families are gradually being located on their individual farm units. When each family "breaks off" it is given an allotment of livestock, and at once they go to work to build up their home place.

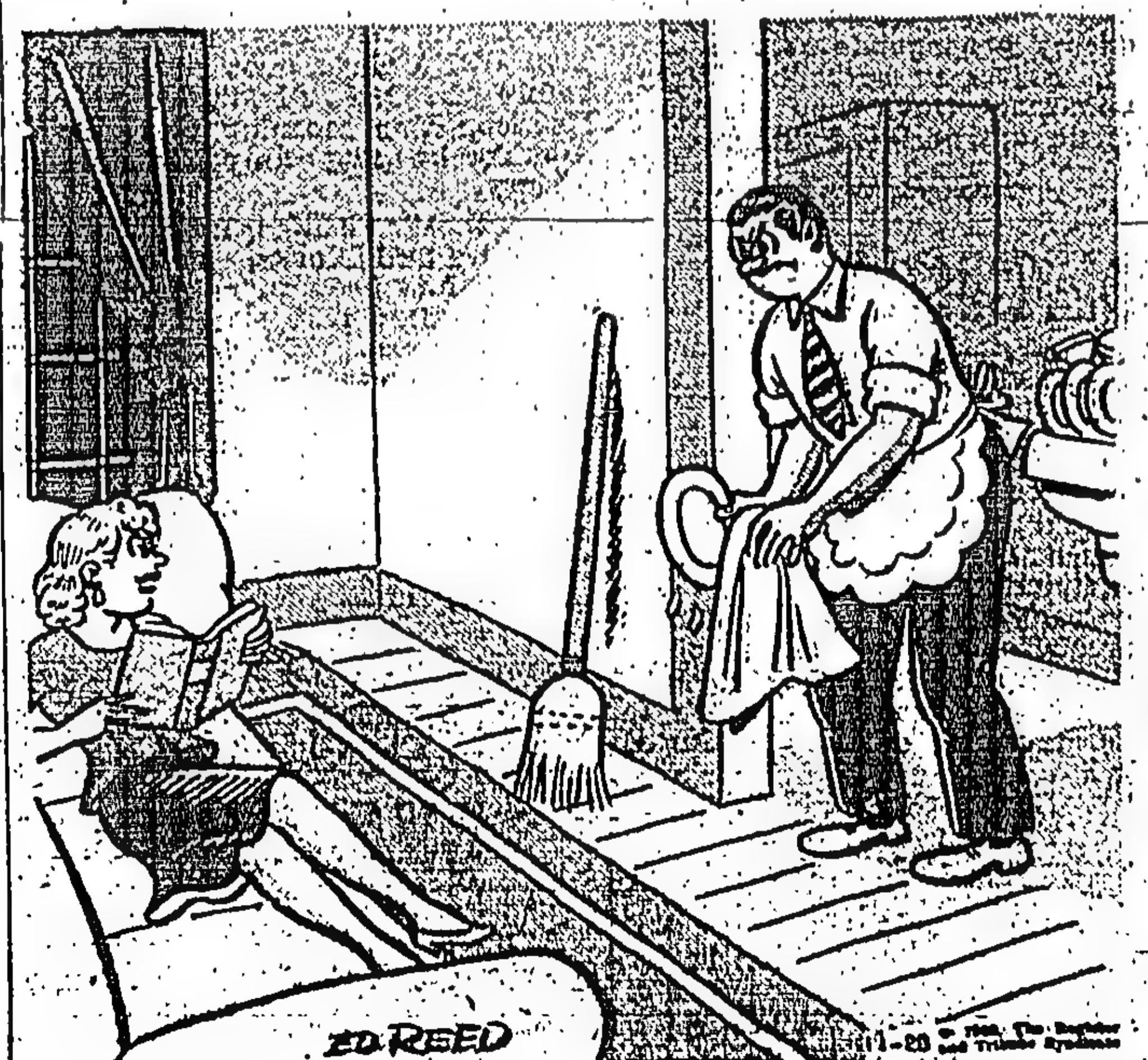
Assorted Group

It was a motley group, that colony from the Sudeten country. There were professional men, artisans, factory hands, toy makers, cabinet makers, blacksmiths, accountants and others. They found the manual labour in Canada's northern hinterland hard and the country wild. It was new country. But they did not complain; they smiled and worked the harder.

Their district is served by the Alberta Northern Railway with Pouce Coupe 12 miles away. They have schools with the English language stressed, but the regular British Columbia school curriculum is followed. One of the teachers, Miss Lydia Hünke, a graduate of the University of Alberta, was born in Sudetenland although coming to Canada at the age of six. Night school is provided for adults. Native Czech handicrafts are being continued; with the products of these skilled workers much in demand. Mrs. Wilhelm Wanika, a former student at the University of Prague, makes European costume dolls; others do handsome basketry.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.



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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

A Change ANY GIRL CAN BE A GOOD COOK...

Those who make studies of women, to learn how we tick and why we so tick, and why we grow ill more frequently than we should, and why premature old age shows its uninteresting head pretty generally among us, warn that women get mental doldrums which raise havoc with our entire systems. And a sure cure for mental doldrums is a change from our usual duties.

If you feel so very tired, a good part of the time, that is sufficient warning that you should try to get a rest and a change. I'd like to tell you to take a cruise and pack a very beautifying wardrobe, but I know the majority of women simply cannot afford such a change. And in Hong Kong you might not get back! So take the change your circumstances offer—but take it!

It is so easy for women to keep putting off a holiday. "Oh, I'm pretty comfortable." But are you peppy and cheerful and optimistic and happy? That is the test. You know, life isn't worth living if we cannot keep optimistic. No one's life is a bed of roses—currently problems descend upon all of us. But if you can keep optimistic by getting an occasional change, to keep your strength up to par, life doesn't seem to be so tough after all. And just look around among your friends—would you change your life for anyone's you know? I'll bet you wouldn't. Hard as your life might be, it has its compensations and you are familiar with its problems. That familiarity makes it pretty precious to you, so you'll hang on to it!

Enjoy Preparing

If you have time on your hands why don't you begin to-day to get your old clothes in order for a holiday? And if you have much time on your hands (or can steal a bit from your regular routine) either make yourself a few new duds to freshen up your wardrobe, or go out bargain hunting and get a couple of things. That renovated wardrobe will convince you that you must go somewhere.

Wherever you go, visit with a fresh mind. Forget all the little duties you left behind. Keep out of doors as much as possible. I know a woman who spends a week each summer picking blueberries, carrying her lunch each day, and she returns home with jars of preserves, a healthy tan, and a new twinkle in her eyes! Funny how even a blueberry lot can be a holiday if we enter it in the right spirit!



Dame Fashion's fall story in pencil-drawn lines is a sad one for Dieting Dot.

you follow the recipe
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declares Dorothy Greig



Grilled Chopped Spanish Steak with Mushroom Sauce—simple to make and delicious to eat.

GREAT GRANDMOTHER had hard going. Besides putting up with great grandfather, whooping Indians and cotton stockings, she had the recipes of her day to fret her soul.

Such blithe instructions as "take six eggs and their equal weight in sugar" or "add enough milk to make a good batter" did little to insure the success of the dish in question. Taking the inaccuracies out of recipes and putting exactness in did more, perhaps, than any other one thing to improve cooking and cooks.

Present-day recipes list precise quantities down almost to the last grain of salt. Directions are so explicit there is little excuse for failure. Follow the recipe exactly and success is yours. "Exactly," however, means just that. No straying off into little side sallies of your own, if you please. Just be a good girl and believe what you read on the printed page.

For example, when you follow the recipes here, you will have a grilled meat dish with all the juices kept in, served with a delicious mushroom sauce. And the squash will have lovely flavor.

Grilled Chopped Spanish Steak with Mushroom Sauce
1 pound beef, ground
1/2 cup condensed cream of mushroom soup
1 cup soft bread crumbs
2 tablespoons cooked green pepper
2 tablespoons chopped pimiento
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 pinch pepper

Mix together the ground beef, cream of mushroom soup (just as it comes from the can), bread crumbs, green pepper, pimiento and seasonings. Shape into a steak about 7 inches in diameter and 1/2 inch thick. Grill under the broiler 8-12 minutes. Garnish with green pepper rings. Serves 4-5.

Mushroom Sauce
1/2 cup condensed cream of mushroom soup
6 tablespoons milk
1/4 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
Empty the cream of mushroom soup into a saucepan, mix well and then add the milk and Worcestershire sauce. Serve over the "Grilled Chopped Spanish Steak."

Savory Summer Squash
1 1/2 quarts summer squash
1 can condensed consommé
1 tablespoon butter
Pinch of pepper

Peel the squash and cut each white disk-shaped squash into 6 or 8 pieces. Cook the squash in the boiling consommé for 10-20 minutes, covered. Then drain and cook down the remaining liquid until 1/2 cup remains. Add butter, pepper and cooked squash and heat well to blend the flavor. Serves 4-5.

Unwritten Etiquette

If you play competitive games, you are quite aware of the written rules. When you take up your racket for tennis you know what is allowed in the game and what is not. But do you know the unwritten rules for all competitive games?

For instance, do you hog the only available court when others are waiting patiently to play a set? You shouldn't; you should give others a turn. The same rule holds good for any game or sports.

You should shower immediately after you finish and return to the group looking fresh and tidy. If there is no shower strip off your wet blouse or shirt and don a fresh one.

There is no denying that good grooming scores heavily. And one must keep fresh and tidy at all times with the exception of the hours when one is actually engaged in competition. Even then, you should begin play in fresh clothing and not excuse yourself by saying, "In no time at all my clothes will be wilted and soiled." Your play clothes may be simple but they should always be fresh.

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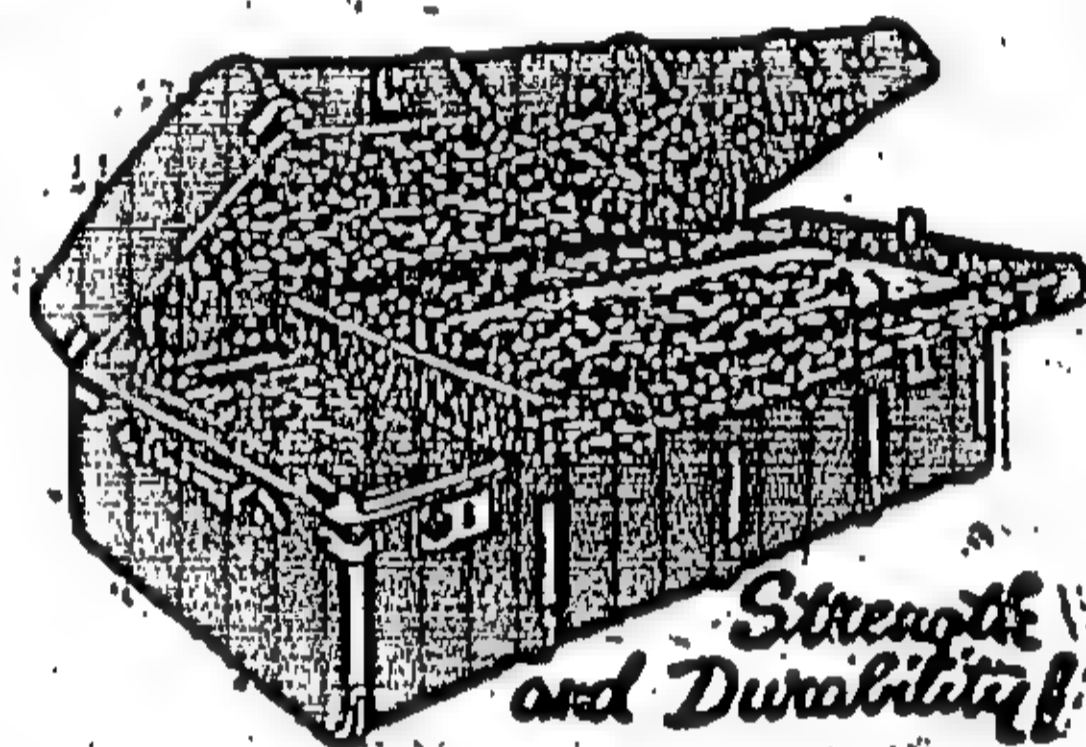
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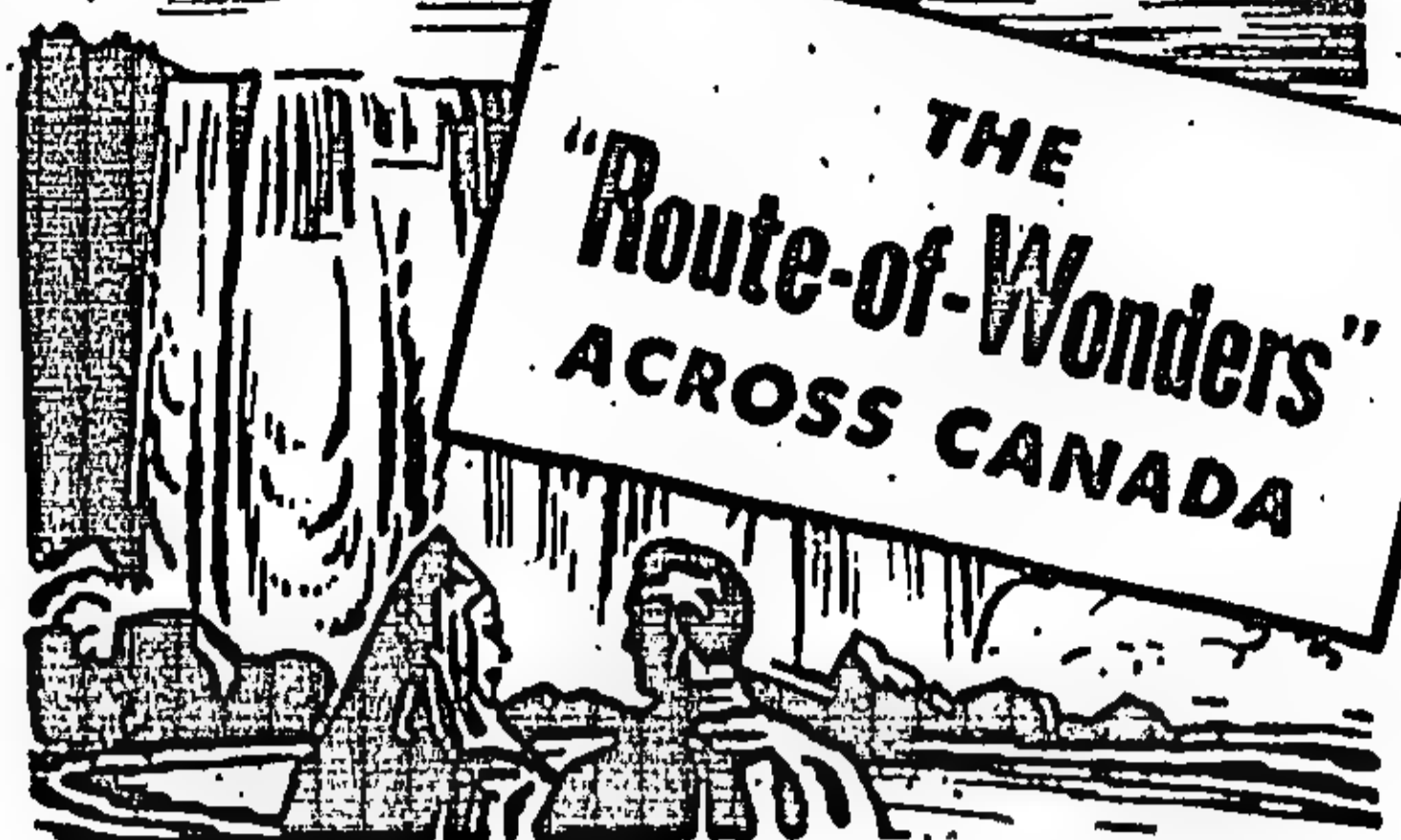
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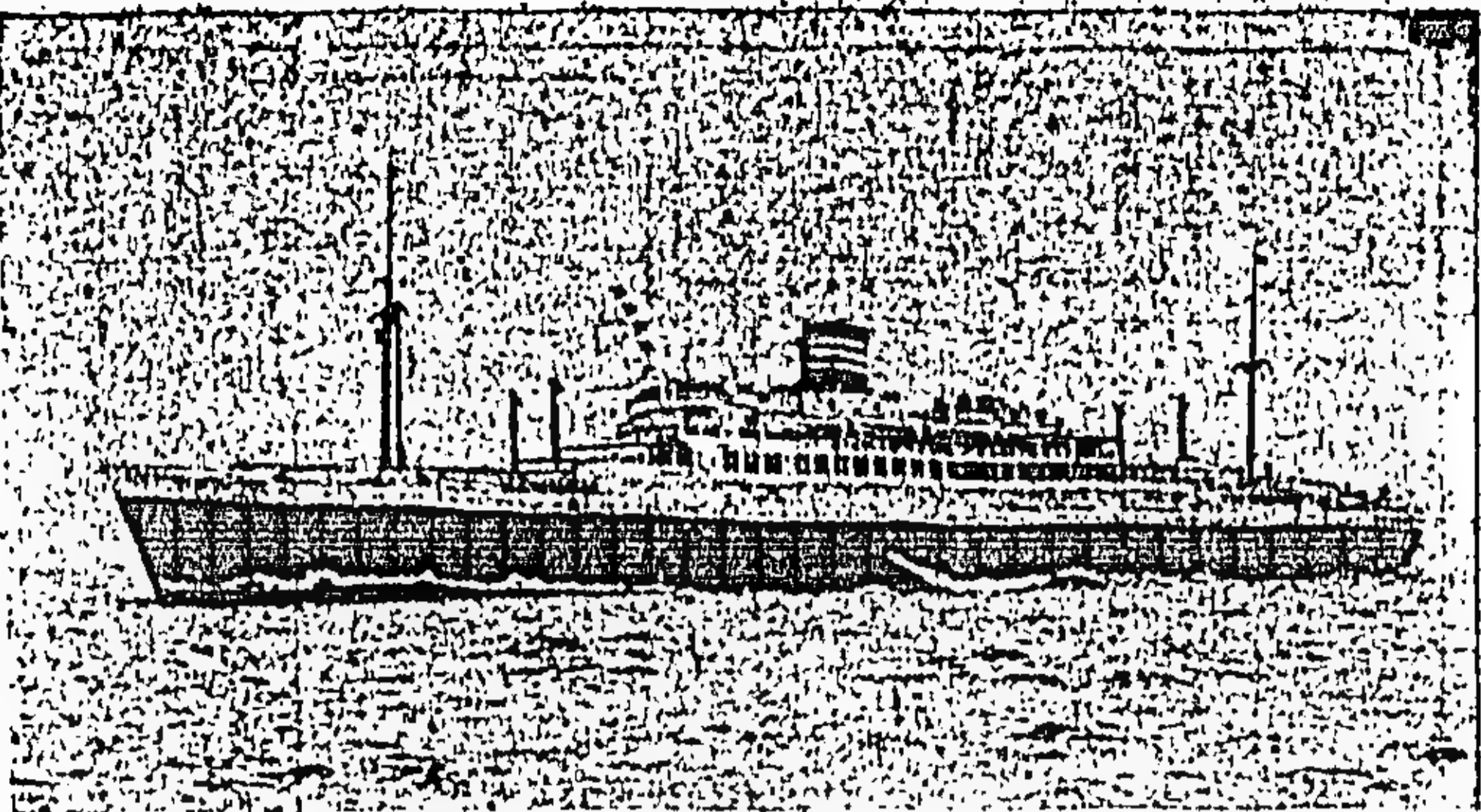
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FURTHER SUBMISSIONS IN MUNSANG COLLEGE CASE

THAT MR. HUANG WAS carried away by his enthusiasm and zeal for the new school building and had disregarded the interests of the present school, that he had acted unwisely and improperly, but in all sincerity, were the comments of the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada this morning before the Appeals Court, composed of Mr. Justice E. H. Williams and Mr. Justice J. A. D. Fraser.

The case is that in which Messrs. R. Huang, Wong Sun-yin and Lee Siong-to are appealing against an order made by the Chief Justice that Mr. Huang cease to be a member of the Board of Trustees and the Council of Munsang College.

Appellants are represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, while respondents, Dr. S. W. Ts'o, Lam Tse-fung and Mok Hing-shing, are represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, instructed by Mr. M. H. Turner.

When the hearing was resumed, Mr. d'Almada made reference to an amount of \$500 paid by students for Matriculation fees. This amount he said, was especially marked for a special purpose but had been used by Mr. Huang. When the time came for the fees to be paid, there was no money and Mr. Huang had to borrow. The action of the two defendants could not be said to be unreasonable, in not sanctioning the use of this money for another purpose.

In this case, and in every other, Mr. Huang carried away by his enthusiasm and zeal for the new school, disregarded the interests of the College.

The Chairman could not sanction the use of other money. It would have been a flagrant breach of trust if he had ordered the payment of money set aside for a specific trust.

Mr. Huang saw fit to employ

the fees for something else and Dr. Ts'o refused to pay when the time came.

"Glaring Example"

Allegations had been made against Dr. Ts'o that his action nearly caused the ruin of the school, but if there were any time when the school was in danger of suffering it was when Mr. Huang used the Matriculation fees for another purpose. The students were due for entrance and an extension of time for payment of the fees had to be obtained.

If ever the school was jeopardised and its reputation in danger this was a glaring example.

Mr. Potter had said that Dr. Ts'o's actions were such as to make a case for unfitness as a trustee. Was the school ever in danger, in dire plight, by any act of Dr. Ts'o? Mr. Potter made out that the school was on the brink of ruin and only saved by the efforts of Mr. Huang in patching up matters Dr. Ts'o had done his best to spoil.

Dr. Ts'o's action was refusal of a loan to the school from Mr. Butt of Macao. In consequence of this, the building might have been

held up, but there was no question of the smashing of the school.

There had been no suggestion that Mr. Huang would be abandoned by the School Council as far as the building contract was concerned. True, Mr. Huang had signed the contract, but Dr. Ts'o had acknowledged that the contract had been signed on behalf of the Trustees.

What would have happened if Mr. Huang had not done what he did was that the work would be held up and, in due course, a writ would have been issued against him for payment.

Assuming such a writ had been issued, there was time before the case came up. The Council must be credited with the decency to take him out. Mr. Huang could have made it clear that he was not the only one involved. There would have been no publicity attached, the Council would have helped out and there would have been no smashing of the school.

Going Too Far

When Dr. Ts'o stopped the loan, Mr. Huang took the matter into his own hands and borrowed in all sincerity, but obsessed with the idea that the new school buildings must go up as soon as possible.

To say that what Dr. Ts'o did had imperilled the school was going too far. There had been no suggestion that because the loan was held up, Mr. Huang was obliged to do what he did.

The steps he took to meet the building obligations was to use school fees and other money marked for other special purposes. Here Mr. Huang had acted unwisely and improperly, but in all sincerity.

Reference was then made to the holding up of the Government grant. Meetings of the School Council had been held and it was decided that a declaration of trust on the building would be made. Mr. Huang refused to sign the declaration and, according to Mr. d'Almada, his real reason for not assigning the property was not fear of the debts incurred but other reasons.

Owing to the resignations of the Hon. Treasurer, and some uneasiness of Dr. Ts'o regarding the accounts, Dr. Ts'o took the initiative and stopped the loan and grant. There had been an embezzlement of \$4,000 by a bursar and if Dr. Ts'o took the action of withholding the loan, did that show the unfitness of Dr. Ts'o to be a member of the Council, Mr. d'Almada asked.

The case is proceeding.

MISAPPREHENSION ABOUT LICENCE

Stating that the radio and its licence were presented to him by a friend, K. N. Wong, of No. 43, Fuk Wah Street, was fined \$10 at Kowloon this morning for the possession of a radio-set without a licence.

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STOCK EXCHANGE QUIET

The London Stock Exchange yesterday was generally quiet but there was some renewed interest in industrials in which breweries and tobaccos were prominent. Among oils Trinidad issues were supported. Gilt-edged were fractionally lower while Kaffirs were heavy. After hours it was announced that Anglo-Iranian were not declaring an interim dividend. This is the first interim passed since 1934. Wall Street was quiet. —Reuter.

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PLAYING HEADS-UP BALL ALL THE WAY THROUGH, CARDINALS PULLED OFF THE WEEK'S UPSET BY HUMBLING WAHOOS 7 RUNS TO 2.

Hurler Efeenia Babida pitched swell ball, and limited the Green Shirted Owls to a four-hitter, backed by a revelation field, only two errors being chalked up against the Redbirds, which constitutes a new low for them.

A finger injury in the first frame put Marina Lavadia out of action, and Rosita Bagalawis had to take over catching duties. To smack Wahoo slabster Jeanette Yolle's first offering for a round-tripper.

After this Wahoo setback, Cardinals knew they had their number, and, although they were retired in order in that inning, they lost no time in banging in two more markers on three safeties in the next stanza. For four frames Wahoos were blanked and could only boast a single by Yvonne Yolle, who was nabbed at third. Connecting again in the fifth, Yvonne romped home for the first Wahoo tally on Rosita's wild heave. Cardinals stowed the game away in ice by replying with three markers on four blows in a row, after two were out.

The only sparkle in the Wahoos' nine-error fielding, was left-fielder Beebun Abbas' catch of Rosita's fly to deep centre, robbing her of a perfect 1,000 stickwork average in her four times up. Jackie Anderson homered for Wahoos in their last time up. It was a mighty wallop that didn't stop rolling till she touched all the bags.

Mound Weakness

In the second game of the Ladies' League, Recreio Ramblertettes trounced Chung Hwa Femmes in a 24 to 9 verdict. Nothing spectacular was shown by both sides, although a definite improvement over last week's farce was noticed in the Chung Hwa nine.

The Chinese squad are still suffering from hurling weakness. Frances "Zaza" Lee starting on the mound again but being derided in the first when she threatened to be over-liberal with transportation to first. Ella Chinn, taking over mound duties, was only slightly better and allowed 12 Ramblertette safeties.

Outstanding for the Chung Hwa team was gardenia Nellie Siu, whose brilliant display drew rounds of vocal applause from the already bored spectators.

As usual, May Chung was the steady influence in the infield.

For Ramblertettes, Irene Mathias brought off the longest hit of the day, slashing a three-bagger to

the centre patch, but was nailed at the home plate in trying to stretch it into a round-tripper by Ella Chinn, who took the throw-in.

Clinny Remedios, guarding the second sack for Ramblertettes, made the only double killing of the tilt, unassisted, when she held Sally Wong's infield pop and nabbed "Zaza" Lee off second.

32-9 Riot

Faring no better than last week, when Pantherettes took them for a ride, the Florinhas were massacred by the heavy hitting Canuckettes in a 32-9 riot. Interest died after the first two innings, the only thing keeping the fans guessing was how many runs the Canuckettes would make.

The margin of victory would have been considerably lessened had the Florinhas showed more fight, evidenced by the number of runs let in on account of listless throwing-in after fielding.

To say that the Canuckettes sneaked a base would be a gross exaggeration, they didn't have to—they just strolled around them.

In the third frame the Florinhas started a rally which netted them eight runs, but did not follow up the advantage. With bases choked, Nydia Osmund slammed a two-bagger to clear the sacks.

The Little Flowers provided a fielding gem in the fifth, when Lily Silva pulled off a triple play, which nobody realised, by catching Rene Yuen's fly, getting Mary Louie off second and tagging Jean Lee coming down from first.

Cyclones Win

Opening the Men's Senior League schedule for the day, Canadian Chinese suffered their second defeat of the season, this time at the hands of the Cyclones, who triumphed over them by 9 to 5.

Herbie Quon, on the slab for Canucks, showed signs of a repetition of last Sunday's fiasco in the initial stages of the game, by walking no less than six Cyclones in the first to cost four runs, but in the second frame he steadied down and bogged in his fast ones, fanning six and limiting Cyclones to only three blows.

Johnny Delgado, assigned to catching duties, did not do so well and allowed the Cyclones to steal anything they could lay their hands on. Sherry Bux would have stolen his watch if he had had a chain. Pinly Pineda, toting the rubber for Cyclones, held them to five hits, trusting to his fielders, and he had a certain amount of luck. A. K. Markar, holding the initial station, was definitely weak, committing no less than four bobbles. Fortunately only slight damage was done as the runners were left stranded on the sacks.

Manager "Sunburn" Omar, making his bow at the plate in the fourth, nearly broke his back reaching for Quon's first two teasers, and tied himself into a pretzel on his next floater, which seemed to him to be a cinch. Barnum must have been thinking of him when he said, "One is born every minute."

The score was knotted at 4-all at the end of the fourth, but a

MACAO TRAINING TIMES

Following were Saturday's training times for Macao ponies on the sand track:

Black Diamond	43.1.22.1.57	35
Coureur Bleu	55.1.37.2.14	37
Cloudy Star	48.1.32.2.10	38
Fairy Auk	44.1.26.2.04.2.42	38
Fairy Ousel	40.1.16	36
Iron Knight	52.1.37.2.18	41
Mac's Adventure	42.1.20.1.55.2.39	34
Meadow Eve	42.1.18	28
National Anthem	53.1.40.2.20	40
National Triumph	53.1.39.2.17	38
Persian Cat	50.1.32.2.10	37
Rothsay Bay	40.1.19	39
Sports Venture	44.1.26.2.04.2.42	38
The Mermaid	50.1.32.2.08	35.3

TO-DAY'S CESAREWITCH

Following are the probable starters and jockeys for the Cesarewitch at Newmarket today: Cheerful Star (Perryman), Tutor (E. Smith), King Legend (D. Smith), Owens Town (Taylor), Beineburg (Navett), Kepton (G. Thin), Finis (Harry Wragg), Hunters' Moon (Gordon Richards), Sir Roger (Mullins), Wayward Miss (Richardson), Snipe Week (Dick), and Solonaise (Robertson).

Jockeys have not been obtained for the following: Spaismist, Sir Pomm, Queen Of Shiraz, Little wood and Trimaroma.—Reuter.

passed ball by Delgado allowed Markar to trot home with a run to take the lead again. Four more runs in the sixth clinched the game for the Cyclones.

Indians Win Easily

Outfitting the Filipinos, Indians walked away with their first victory by a 10-4 decision. Every Indian accounted for a hit, except first-sacker Madsen Arculi. They fielded tightly, only being guilty of three bobbles, of which A. K. Omar had two chalked against him.

In the night-cap Saints went to town at the expense of Chinese Baseballers. Limiting them to only four scratch singles, Frankie "Bashful" Gonsalves, ace left-handed hurler for Saints, pitched his team to victory, supported by million dollar infield backing.

For five innings Chinese Baseballers couldn't get a runner on second, and only managed a marker in the sixth on two successive safeties, after Saints had decided to put in their substitutes. Their second and last run came in when Fisher scored on Manson's miff of Young's fly to short-centre. Saints blasted twirler Tuffy Chinn all over the place, and collected 13 safeties off him, of which both Dave and Stan Leonard accounted for three each in five trips to the platter, whilst "Ozo" Ozorio and Frankie Gonsalves were credited with two each. George "Strawberry" Souza sure-hit lead off man, was most disappointing, batting fly balls, which were all snared in his five times at bat. "Tut Tut" George.

The Chinese were expected to do better than to take the game as a lost cause, especially in the fourth, when every Saint scored a run except Souza and Powlawicki.

In the lone tilt in Junior Division, Royal Scots defeated 8th R.A. Gunners by 18 to 4.

BETTING WITH THE TIDE AT RACES

I REMEMBER JOE SMITH ONCE TELLING ME THAT THE BLACKPOOL GROUND HAD OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS MOVED SOME FEET THROUGH THE ACTION OF THE TIDES. NOW HERE'S A STORY OF A RACECOURSE WHICH IS ALSO AFFECTED BY SEA INFLUENCES, WRITES A HOME CORRESPONDENT.

At Durban, where the big handicap carries the third richest prize-money in the Empire, lots of knowledgeable old punters don't make their bets until they've studied the tide chart.

Owing to the track being almost level with the sea, and also the prevalence of mud and sand on which Durban is built, a high spring tide will send the water seeping through to the course. Trainers say that when that happens the going is markedly heavier!

The race, worth about £8,000 to the winning owner, is the highlight of the winter season and attracts everybody to Durban from the Governor-General down.

Sir Abe Bailey used frequently to enter horses, and a liberal estimate of the betting throughout the Union centring on the race is about £1,000,000.

Incidentally, the Greyville track, over which the event is decided, runs round Royal Durban Club golf course. We are told that shorts putts have been known to circle the hole just after the "off."

THOMPSON PROMINENT FOR CLUB

Hong Kong Hockey Club had to difficulty in overwhelming Khalsa Hockey Club in a friendly hockey encounter at King's Park yesterday afternoon, winning by three clear goals after scoring once in the first period.

Despite the fact that they were one short in defence, the winners were on top throughout.

Thompson played a brilliant game in defence—he was the only back in front of Benwell—while M. B. N. Whitley was the best of the halves. E. Fowler and D. C. Smith combined well in attack and were ably supported by the other forwards.

For the Indians, M. H. Hussain, and Balwant Singh were their outstanding halves, while Attar Singh and A. M. Pinto were the best in the attack.

E. Fowler, S. A. Fowler and D. C. Smith were the goal-scorers for the winners.

Club: Benwell: R. G. K. Thompson, A. E. P. Guost, W. A. Reed and M. B. N. Whitley; S. A. Fowler, T. W. D. Whitley, E. Fowler, D. C. Smith and Channa Singh (Khalsa).

Khalsa: Malkhan Singh, Karnall Singh and J. S. Grewal; Balwant Singh, M. H. Hussain and Bhag Singh; Attar Singh, Jaggeet Singh, Pyara Singh, A. M. Pinto and Jangeer Singh.

"Y" HOCKEY TEAMS

Following will represent Y.M.C.A. in hockey matches on the "Y" ground this week:

To-morrow, "A" XI v H.K.S.R.A. (5 p.m.): Benwell: Jordan and Saxby; Croft, Pennington and Waldron; Spence-Jay, Ure, Colledge, Dunne and Ireson.

Saturday, "1st" XI v Khalsa (4.15 p.m.): Benwell: Killen and Yourliott; Pennington, Coombe and Waldron; Mith, Moran, Ure, Dunne and Bates; 2nd XI v Royal Scots Juniors (3 p.m.): Fishlock, Heptonstall and Saxby; Mith, Tomlinson and Gilchrist; Highlands, McGahan, Dormer, Ireson and Banks.

M'SEX. HAVE MAN WITH THE RIGHT NAME

Middlesex have found another good run, and with the right name! F. W. Hobbs, who scored 71 for C.C.C. v. Sir Pelham Warner's eleven at Lord's, and later proved himself the best fielder in the match, is ready for county cricket as soon as the championship is resumed.

Other chief features of the near-thing verdict for Sir Plum's team was the fine all-round cricket of the Irishman E. A. Ingram, who batted well for 43, and the batting of Denis Compton.

Denis got a good 101 after being missed at 18. His brother, Leslie, booked his place in the next Middlesex eleven as a wicket-keeper.

Pilot Officer R. M. Taylor received well-deserved public congratulations on his recent D.F.C. all the way to the wicket.

Inter-School Aquatics

Yesterday at V.R.C., following qualified for the finals of the Inter-School Swimming Championships, which will be held in the V.R.C. pool on Friday next at 2 p.m.

100 Yards free-style:—J. Chalmers (Wah Yan); Yee Tung-lun (St. Joseph's); D. Young (St. Joseph's); W. Teo (St. Stephen's); J. Gomez (La Salle).

50 Yards back-stroke:—Fung Che-wan (King's); Ronald Ho (St. Joseph's); A. Lopez (La Salle); J. Chalmers (Wah Yan); Ip Ting-yue (St. Stephen's).

100 Yards breast-stroke:—Cheng Tsap-hay (Wah Yan); Ng Kam-yeung (Wah Yan); Cheung Koon-tzam (St. Joseph's); Fung Wai-cheong (King's); Choy Kai-ming (King's).

50 Yards free-style:—J. Gomez (La Salle); M. Young (La Salle); Chan Pak-cheung (St. Paul's); A. Fong (St. Joseph's); W. Teo (St. Stephen's).

Diving (High):—Fung Fee-wan (King's); Lee Wing-hon (St. Joseph's); Donald Young (St. Joseph's); Marcus Ng (La Salle); C. Gutierrez (La Salle).

150 Yards medley relay:—La Salle College; Wah Yan College; St. Joseph's College; St. Stephen's College; King's College.

200 Yards free-style:—J. Gomez (La Salle); Yee Tung-lun (St. Joseph's); Donald Young (St. Joseph's); A. Sandberg (La Salle); W. Teo (St. Stephen's).

50 Yards breast-stroke:—Choy Kai-ming (King's); Koon Wai-cheong (King's); Chang Tsap-hay (Wah Yan); Ng Kam-yeung (Wah Yan); Wong Lok-tim (St. Stephen's).

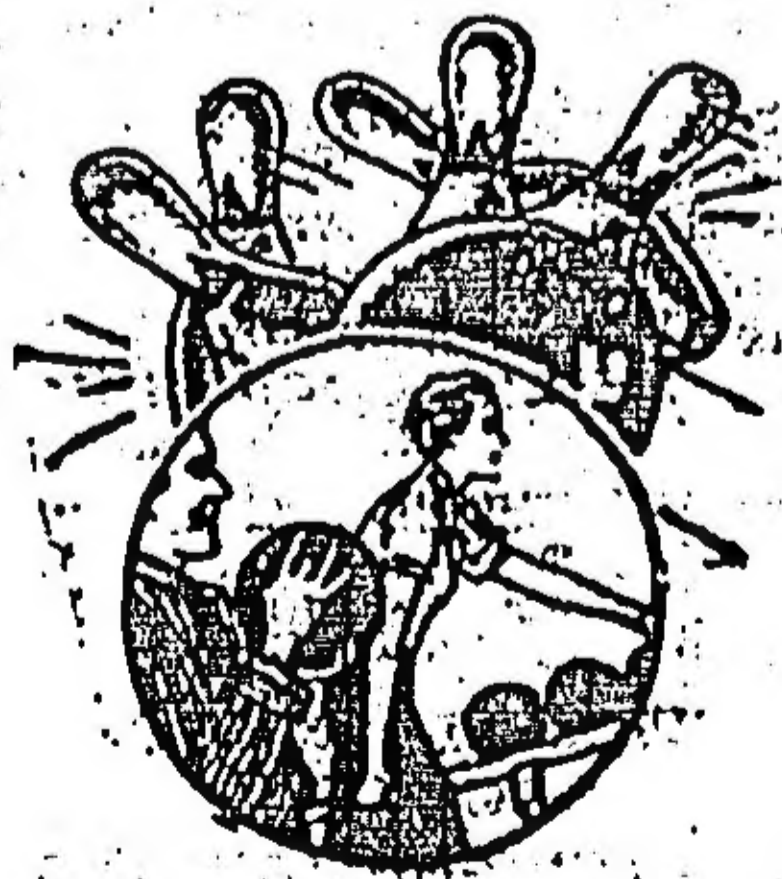
100 Yards back-stroke:—A. Lopes (La Salle); Ip Ting-yue (St. Stephen's); Donald Young (St. Joseph's); Fong Fee-wan (King's); Robert Young (La Salle).

200 Yards free-style relay:—St. Joseph's College; La Salle College; St. Stephen's College; Wah Yan College; King's College.

ket. Ingram, however, did what the Heinkeles couldn't by defeating him with quick acceleration.

A gentle hint from Plum caused the Conference to declare at 3-50—five minutes sooner than they had intended to do. Leslie Compton struck a winning four-three minutes from time.

Seven thousand watched, £171 was taken at the gate and £1 for each of Compton's runs in the Red Cross and St. John collecting boxes.



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NAVY 14 RECOVER TO DRAW

LED AT THE INTERVAL BY 6-0, A TEAM OF 14 NAVAL PLAYERS RECOVERED WELL IN THE SECOND HALF TO DRAW WITH ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS 6 ALL IN A FRIENDLY RUGBY GAME AT CAUSEWAY BAY YESTERDAY.

Navy saw more of the ball from the scrums in the first half, but Medicals were on top in this department in the second period.

MacDonald and Mohan scored unconverted tries for Medicals in the first half, and Robinson scored both tries for Navy, King just failing to convert the first.

Navy would have won had Bucknell not attempted to touch down between the posts after having crossed the line. He was tackled and dropped the ball.

R.A.M.C.: — Bartley; MacDonald, Coombes, Pratt and Whybro; Harvey, Seriven; Wigglesworth, Chandler, Milne; Collins, Funnell; Mohan, Van Millingen and Edge.

Navy: "A": — Wood; Robinson, Gracie, Addis and Wilson; E. A. Bucknell and E. A. Wilson; Stockham, King, Beattie; Davis, Wilkinson, Brewer and Garbett.



TO-DAY'S GAME

Club "A" will meet Artillery at Rugby at the Valley to-day, commencing at 5 p.m. sharp.

The Club team is as follows: H. F. Hopkins; H. van Leeuwen, M. G. Carruthers, D. Hynes and P. B. Wilson; T. O. Morgan and F. J. C. Clemo, J. Moodie, W. Stoker, A. M. Kennedy; R. G. Gairdner, C. F. Needham; J. M. Thomson, G. B. Godfrey and A. G. Dalziel.

J. Redman will be the referee. R.A.: — 2/Lieut. Clague (5th A.A. Regt.); L/Bdr. Richards (12th Heavy Battery, R.A.); Gnr. Giffin (5th A.A. Regt.); Gnr. Keeble (24th Hvy. Bty.); Sgt. Marsh (12th Hvy. Bty.); Capt. G. W. Hook (30th Hvy. Bty.); Gnr. Dobson (5th A.A. Regt.); 2/Lieut. Heath (5th A.A. Regt.); 2/Lieut. Edmondson (12th Hvy. Regt.); L/Bdr. McDermott (12th Hvy. Bty.); Sgt. Page (5th A.A. Regt.); L/Bdr. Whitehead (5th A.A. Regt.); Gnr. Evans (5th A.A. Regt.); Gnr. Mullen (5th A.A. Regt.). N40etheth

MITCHELL SHOWS PROMISE

AN OTHERWISE UNINTERESTING GAME BETWEEN INDIAN R.C. JUNIORS AND CIVIL SERVICE C.C. SECONDS LAST SATURDAY WAS BRIGHTENED CONSIDERABLY BY A FORCEFUL INNINGS BY G. AINSLIE, WHO SCORED 63 OUT OF 83, INCLUDING 13 FOURS, AND FINE BOWLING BY J. MITCHELL WHO GAVE AWAY 15 RUNS IN 5 OVERS FOR 1 WICKET.

Although Ainslie was lucky in that he had some very loose bowling to deal with, he nevertheless hit the ball very hard, and in the middle every time. He should endeavour to develop his defence and with more match experience should prove an asset to C.S.C.C. seniors.

It can be said without any fear of contradiction that the most promising bowler C.S.C.C. has had for the past two decades is young J. Mitchell, a left-handed round-the-wicket medium-paced bowler.

Unlike most young fellows, Mitchell does not sacrifice length for pace. He comes in with his arm and then goes away again, and if he finds a "spot" he will be the most difficult bowler to play in Second Division.

I do not know if the C.S.C.C. authorities are "nursing" Mitchell for another season, but a match or two with the senior eleven should give this promising youngster all the encouragement he needs. Good left-handed bowlers are so scarce these days that it would be a great pity if somebody did not take Mitchell in hand in time.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

RUGBY FOOTBALL

TO-DAY Middlesex will be playing Service Corps at Rugby at Prince Edward Road, but will only be able to field a weak team owing to Military exercises.

Last week Sappers, who are without Waite this season, proved their worth by beating a strong Royal Scots XV. by 12 points to nil. Royals, on the other hand, had a very strong team with several Army players in their side.

Sheldrake is outstanding in the Sappers' pack and is always up on the ball, but he lacks support from his other forwards.

HOCKEY

AT Shamshuipo last Sunday Middlesex 1st XI defeated a strong C.B.A. team by 3 goals to 1 in a fine exhibition of hockey.

The Diehards' well-deserved the honours, and goals were scored by Hymas, Sheehan, and Caul.

This season Middlesex have not lost a game yet.

They have a strong defence in Winfield, who plays a sound game between the sticks and who has a very keen eye for a likely shot. Stickley, the Colony and Army player, also takes a lot of beating while Freshwater, his partner, is very sound. P. S. M. Ure, at right-half is a stickler and worries the winger all the time. Sgt. Crowley, also another Army player, is an excellent centre-half, and Sgt. Waldron, at left-half, plays a very solid type of game. The latter also plays for the Y.M.C.A. 1st team.

STILL 100 PER CENT.

SAPPERS' 2nd XI, who have still a 100 per cent. record, added another two victories to their credit by defeating "C" Company Royal Scots, and Hong Kong Signal Company last week.

Moore proved that his capabilities as a winger are not to be overlooked, and, considering that this is his first effort in this position, he should retain his place in the team. I think that the Engineers' troubles are over regards finding a suitable player for this position. Bridle and Sheldrake are a fine pair of backs and have proved almost impregnable.

In their second game against Signals they won by 3 goals to 2. Signals, however, were unlucky to lose and, owing to numerous other sporting fixtures on hand, could field only a weak team. Westwood and Lieut. Arundell excelled themselves, the former recording the "hat trick."

SMALL UNITS FOOTBALL

AT Happy Valley on Monday R.A.S.C. were given a surprise by "C" Company Royal Scots, who defeated them in the second round of the competition by the odd goal in five.

The game was rather even throughout, but owing to a mis-

take by the centre-half, Young, who sent the ball into his own goal, Corps lost the game.

Sadler was not given much scope and was well-watched all the game. Hossack, of the Royals, was also well-marked but managed to get through to net twice. At the interval the score was two goals in favour of the Royals, who increased their score to three just after the re-start, when Young, not seeing his goalkeeper out of the goal, sent the ball back into the net.

SMALL UNITS SWIMMING

ON Tuesday evening Small Units held their swimming gala, but unfortunately only two teams competed.

R.A.S.C. were the winners of the Anon Relay Cup, and Hong Kong Signal Company won the Russell Relay Cup, and also the Kay Lee Cup for winning the 1940 Departmental Water-Polo League.

It is good to see that units of the Garrison are supporting the Swimming Classes which are being held during the Winter months at Y.M.C.A. under the supervision of Mr. E. W. Railton. So far there are about 80 members, of which Gunners have the highest percentage.

ROWING REGATTA

SAPPERS are holding a rowing regatta in the near future, and teams are having plenty of early morning rowing practice much to the annoyance of the inhabitants of Wanchai, who are strongly protesting against the wettings they are receiving!

(We understood they were cutters and not M.T.Bs.)

ARMY CRICKET TEAMS

Following will represent the Army First XI in a friendly cricket match against Hong Kong Cricket Club at Sookunpoo on Saturday next at 2 p.m.—Capt. Lawrence, Brig. McLeod, Sgt. French, Sig. Dixon, Pte. Hatfield, Major Swyer, Pte. Bateman, L/Cpl. Murphy, 2nd/Lieut. Plummer, Gnr. Barsby and 2nd/Lieut. Ansari.

Army 2nd XI to meet Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps at Sookunpoo on Sunday at 11 a.m. is as follows—Major D. C. E. Grose, 2nd/Lieut. T. A. Pearce, L/Cpl. Shaw, L/Cpl. Logan, Sgt. Denyer, Sgt. Webb, Spr. Tropp, Pte. Hatfield, Major W. G. Harvey, Pte. Emmerson and Lieut. Coombes.

CHESS RESULTS

Matches played in the Junior championship of Kowloon Chess Club yesterday resulted as follows: A. Benjamin beat J. Walther; J. H. D'Almeida beat C. Lee; V. V. Kolatchoff beat F. A. Fabel.

EPINARD VICTIM OF THE NAZIS

THIS IS THE STORY OF CORPORAL WILLCOCKS (NEVER MIND THE UNIT), TOLD ME IN THE DOG AND PHEASANT, SOMEWHERE IN SUSSEX, WRITES L. V. MANNING.

It concerns the fate of Epinard, one of the greatest racehorses up to a mile in the past 20 years and famous for an unforgettable Stewards' Cup triumph at Goodwood in 1932.

The period is the B.E.F.'s record evacuation from France and the scene some park land near Rouen.

Willcocks, driving an ambulance with the Germans pressing hard, was hailed by an Irish stud groom who had in his charge three horses.

One of them was a veteran with a game leg. "That's Epinard," said the Irishman sadly. "They want me to shoot him, but I'd rather shoot myself."

A mile or so back Willcocks had seen the Jerries planting trench mortars around a string of racehorses, led by a boy, for the joy of driving them into a mad frenzy of fear before destroying them. It confirmed other stories which have reached me of German airmen diving over fields where cattle grazed and machine-gunning them "just for practice."

Shadow Of Slaughter House

The value of the best-known stallions in France before the surrender can be set at half a million pounds. Add all the horses in training, commencing with Djebel, the wonder colt, and it runs into millions!

Lord Derby, as well as the Aga Khan, had invaluable horses in France, including Fair Copy, winner of the 1,000 Guineas.

We know none got away. It isn't pleasant to contemplate their fate.

The few who survived may be turned loose for a while, but with famine threatening France this winter their horrible end can be guessed.

It WAS Epinard

Checking up on Corporal Willcocks' story with the world's greatest bloodstock authority, I gathered that after Epinard had crossed the Atlantic six times, his owner, M. Wertheimer, retired him to his stud farm at St. Leonard Des Pares, which is many miles from Rouen.

No doubt an attempt was being made to get him to the coast.

The game leg mentioned by Willcocks is part identification, but more convincing is his mention of the Irish stud groom. I learn that it was an Irishman who for years has been Epinard's devoted bodyguard. His name is Jim O'Brien and he was a great international racing character.



ARMY SOCCER TRIAL

Following have been chosen to participate in an Army football trial game at Sookunpoo to-day at 4.30 p.m.:

PROBABLES—Moxham (Engineers); Freshwater (Middlesex) and Hamlen (Service Corps); Birrell (Engineers); Guy (30th R.A.) and Wilkinson (Middlesex); Coomer (Middlesex); Morgan (Service Corps); Fox (Engineers); Clarke (Service Corps) and Martin (Service Corps).

POSSIBLES—Duncan (Royal Scots); Naysmith (Royal Scots) and Lawson (Royal Artillery); Shaw (Engineers); Bright (Middlesex) and Falconer (Royal Scots); Lam Wai-lun (Engineers); Pearson (Middlesex); Hossack (Royal Scots); Young (Service Corps) and Duffield (Ordnance).

Reserves: — Pelham (Engineers); Jackson (Middlesex); Parnaby (Royal Scots) and Hole (Royal Artillery).

On paper, the following appears to be the strongest eleven possible:—Moxham; Freshwater and Naysmith; Birrell, Bright and Wilkinson; Lam Wai-lun, Pearson, Hossack or Fox, Young and Martin.

Saw is a notable absentee from the above teams, while Edmunds and Cuthbert of R.A.F. are also available.

REFEREES' XI

Referees Association have chosen the following to meet Press in the annual football match on November 11: E. C. Ford; S. Wilson, N. Fraser; Lee Bing-tong; A. Brackenbury; D. Dennee; A. W. Smith, K. K. Ip, G. R. Taylor; J. Carley, King Kai-kue, Reserves: —R. Baker, W. M. Glover, W. H. Foster.

P. O. Brown will be referee and J. Emmons and J. H. Williamson linesmen. M. Minahan is team manager.

It is easy to picture the heart-break of that parting. Willcocks thought that the other two horses were Doctor Dolittle and the sprinter Old Riley. It might have been Old Riley, who disappeared from the Stud Book in 1937, but Doctor Dolittle was sold to Sweden some months ago.

The other horse is more likely to have been a chesnut son of Epinard named Lafayette, who held the French time record for five furlongs.

No Rugby League Merger

Yorkshire Rugby League clubs are to carry on with their County League competition next season irrespective of the uncertainty in Lancashire.

A suggestion that Yorkshire and Lancashire clubs should merge into one competition was not approved.

H.K.C.C. TEAMS

Following will represent Hong Kong Cricket Club on Saturday at 2.00 p.m.:

1st XI v C.S.C.C. at H.K.C.C.: — H. Owen-Hughes (Capt.), Surg.-Lt. Com. W. G. Finnie, R.N. D. Gillespie, Major D. C. E. Grose, M. F. L. Haymes, T. G. C. Knight, A. K. MacKenzie, J. C. Matthews, D. O. Parsons, J. L. C. Pearce and T. A. Pearce.

2nd XI v Army 2nd XI at Sookunpoo: — E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), C. W. E. Bishop, G. P. Charlton, Capt. A. J. Dewar, J. N. Fox, C. E. Gahagan, R. M. M. King, R. S. W. Paterson, E. W. Padney, D. S. Robb and I. P. Tamworth.



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BAD DAY FOR NAZI RAIDERS

Eleven enemy aircraft were shot down over Britain yesterday, states an Air Ministry communique. Two of our fighters were lost but one pilot is safe.

A second enemy bomber was destroyed during the night. The enemy attempted four attacks on London yesterday using fighters or fighter-bombers.

A large number of our fighter squadrons engaged the enemy and few of the latter succeeded in penetrating to the London area.

Only a small number of bombs was dropped, mostly in the outskirts of the capital, and little damage and few casualties reported.

At the same time an unsuccessful attack was made in the Portsmouth area.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI PARTY FOR CONSULS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The American Association and the American Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai yesterday feted Mr. Richard P. Buttrick, departing American Consul-General, and his successor, Mr. Frank P. Lockhart.—Havas.

Great Fires Left At Kiel And Hamburg

WARSHIPS UNDER construction at Hamburg, Bremen and Kiel were heavily attacked by aircraft of the British Bomber Command on Monday night, it was announced in London yesterday.

Extensive damage was caused by high explosive bombs and fires were started by incendiaries. Great fires visible for 40 miles were left burning in the Blom and Voss yards at Hamburg and also at Kiel, where repeated hits were scored in and around the Deutsche Werke yards.

The heavily defended naval base at Wilhelmshaven, says the Air Ministry news service, was attacked by relays of heavy bombers for nearly an hour and salvos of high explosive bombs were seen to burst on the dock sides and on barracks.

Fires started by the first attackers were still burning strongly when later British sorties arrived on the scene.

The naval port at Emden was also attacked and bombs were seen to explode in the petrol storage area.

Oil Depots Bombed

A mineral oil refinery at Hamburg was also the object of a second striking force which attacked Hamburg in the early

evening before the raid on the shipyards developed.

Fires were started here and also at Cologne where oil supplies were again the target.—Reuter.

Fierce Fires

The mineral oil refinery at Hamburg, extensively damaged in Sunday night's raid, was the objective of a second striking force in the early evening shortly before the raid on the shipyards began. Visibility was good and, attacking out of a cloudless sky, the raiders straddled the refinery with high explosive bombs.

The pilot of one aircraft making a second run over the target reported his bombs started a long row of fierce fires in the refinery area.

Particularly intense anti-aircraft fire from heavy calibre guns was encountered by the Hamburg raiders. Shell bursts from batteries which appeared to line both banks of the River Elbe followed them from the estuary up through the city.

Oil supply centres at Hamburg and Cologne were also attacked and fires started.

The raid on the Cologne refinery began at 7.45 p.m. and after half an hour of repeated attacks a red glow, which could be seen even from above the cloud layer, gave evidence of the extent of the fire which had been raking below.

Alternative Targets

Other aircraft, prevented by weather conditions from locating their objectives, found and attacked alternative targets which included docks at Cuxhaven, industrial plant near Hamburg and a canal concentration of fifty to sixty barges.

In attacks on German rail communication centres hits were scored on railway yards at Krefeld and Coblenz and fires started in a goodyard at Cologne.

Nineteen aerodromes in Germany and in occupied territory were raided during the night. Direct hits were scored on a group of hangars in a low-level attack on the aerodrome at Point and at Evere, near Brussels, and fires broke out among airport buildings.—British Wireless.

BRITISH CHIEF OF STAFF IN ANKARA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") General Arthur Smith, Chief of Staff to the British G.O.C., Middle East, who arrived in Ankara yesterday, is staying several days in the Turkish capital.

Shortly after arriving from Cairo, General Smith called on high Turkish military and civil authorities and then was guest at a banquet given by General Asim Gunouz, Assistant Chief of the Turkish General Staff.—Havas.

STOP PRESS

The crew of a British ship, which arrived in the Colony last night from Kwong Chow Wan, state that some 30 vessels, warships and transports, were sighted yesterday morning steaming south, presumably from Canton or from Formosa.

The American pilot killed when Japanese fighters shot down a C.N.A.C. plane on the Yunnan border was Mr. W. C. Kent, 35 years of age. He had been with the Company for twelve months and had been almost continually in the Hong Kong-Chungking service. He leaves a widow and a three-year-old son, resident in Hong Kong.

BRITISH UNIT REPORTED IN BATTLE FOR CORFU

(Continued from Page 1) try at several points. The advance is continuing.

Air Attacks

"Despite bad weather the air force has repeatedly bombed military objectives, as ordered, hitting docks, port and railway establishments and causing fires in the harbour at Patras.

"Establishments along the Corinth Canal, as well as the naval base at Preveza, and the airport at Tatoi, near Athens, were also bombed. All our planes returned safely."

Brutal Attack

The Italian raid on Patras was the most brutal attack from the air yet made in the war, and Budapest reports assert 50 were killed and 500 wounded.

There was no air raid on Athens yesterday.—International News Service.

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